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Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, in the General Department,—dated Pachmarhi, the 30th May 1890.

READ—Letter from the Registrar, Judicial Commissioner's Court, No. 3008, dated the 9th May 1890, submitting the Judicial Commissioner's Report on the administration of Civil Justice during the year 1889.

READ ALSO—the District and Divisional Reports

RESOLUTION.

With a view to affording further relief to Tahsildars from the burden of Civil work, the Chief Commissioner, by a Resolution issued in February 1889, directed that advantage should be taken of the provisions of Section 11 of Act XVI of 1885 to invest a number of Naib-Tahsildars with the Civil powers referred to in that section; and that three new Munsiffs' Courts should be created. The number of Courts open at the close of 1889 was thus raised to 191, as compared with 178 at the close of the preceding year.

2. While the number of tribunals increased, the work to be done by them diminished during the year. The total number of suits instituted (including re-institutions) in 1889 was 100,330, against 110,479 in 1888, being a decrease of 10,149, or 9·2 per cent. In fact, the institutions and re-institutions were fewer than in any year since 1883. Even in the districts where for years past the institutions had been almost uniform there was this year a heavy falling off. This fall in litigation was wide-spread, being shared by 14 out of the 18 districts. It appears to be rightly attributed, in the main, to the severe epidemic of cholera which swept over the Province and for a time suspended all concern for other matters. In the Nerbudda Valley, litigation is also said to have decreased owing to the short crops of the year.

3. The increase in the average value of suits which was referred to in last year's Resolution was exceptionally enhanced in 1889 by the large decline in the number of petty claims for money, caused by the pressure of disease and mortality. The percentage of suits of values not exceeding Rs. 50 fell from 73·8 to 71·3. The proportion of suits not exceeding Rs 500 in value remained the same (97 per cent) as in 1888. Suits for money and moveables were fewer by 9,034 than in the preceding year: while suits between landlords and tenants and "other suits" also experienced a check, but in a less degree.

4. The result of the investment of 11 Naib-Tahsildars with Civil powers was that the percentage of suits disposed of by this class of Courts rose from 28·7 to 31·9: while the disposals of Munsiffs sank, despite the augmentation of the number of these officers, from 27·5 per cent to 23·9. The relief afforded to Tahsildars was not as great as it might have been, or as it will be, because (1) the reform did not come into effect till towards the middle of the year, and (2) the powers given to Munsiffs were at first limited to those of a Tahsildar of the 2nd Class. The relief afforded to Deputy Commissioners by the appointment of Civil Judges continues as before: and owing to the increase in the average value of suits the latter had in 1889 a larger share of the Judicial business of the Courts.

5. The average duration of cases, and the average number of hearings both increased. This result is probably in some measure due to the circumstances of the year, and to the smaller proportion of those petty cases which are ordinarily disposed of at one hearing. In Saugor and Wardha there were special causes which are referred to in paragraph 17 of the Report. In Bhandara there seems to have been a lack of supervision by the Deputy

Commissioner. The remarks made by the Judicial Commissioner (in paragraph 17) on the subject of the duration of suits are in accord with the Chief Commissioner's views. But, as remarked last year, Mr Mackenzie attaches more importance to the number of hearings than to the actual duration of a suit, and he regrets to see that in this respect there has been a general falling off.

6. As a result of the decrease in original suits the number of appeals diminished, the total being 7,092 as against 7,934 in 1888. As, however, the reduction in litigation was chiefly in the class of suits not exceeding Rs 50 in value, the Courts of Commissioners did not share in the decrease of appellate work which was experienced by the District Courts of Appeal: nor was the relief to the latter in any way considerable. In the districts of Saugor, Damoh, Narsinghpur and Nimar, in fact, the number of appeals increased. In the Judicial Commissioner's Court the number of regular appeals fell from 917 to 929, and of miscellaneous appeals from 69 to 62.

7. It is satisfactory to find that in most districts Deputy Commissioners (in accordance with the instructions given in paragraph 8 of the Chief Commissioner's Resolution on last year's Report) exercised a proper supervision over the procedure of the subordinate Courts through the insight given by appellate work. The amount of that work is still perhaps excessive in a few districts—as Table Q shows—when the Assistant has not yet the powers of a Civil Judge. It will be feasible now to afford relief by taking advantage of Section 13 of Act XVI of 1885 (the Central Provinces Civil Courts' Act), since the passing of Act IV of 1890 enables the Administration to confer Small Cause Court powers on Assistants without ousting the jurisdiction of Naib-Tahsildars in petty cases.

8. The number of applications for execution presented during the year was 80,591, as compared with 84,238 in 1888. In only 30,825 cases was satisfaction obtained in full or in part, 36,822 applications proving infructuous, and 10,374 cases remaining pending at the year's end. The number of judgment-debtors arrested but released without imprisonment was only 549 as against 1,664 in the previous year, while the number actually imprisoned was only 93 as against 351.

9. It is to be regretted that inconvenience was caused in some districts by the irregular and insufficient supply of Judicial forms. A large increase to the staff of the Central Jail Press has recently been sanctioned, and the Chief Commissioner hopes that there will hereafter be no further ground for complaint upon this score.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Registrar, Judicial Commissioner's Court, for the information of the Judicial Commissioner, also that copies, bound with the Report, be distributed as usual

[True Extract.]

L. K. LAURIE,

Offg Secretary.

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FROM

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REGISTRAR, JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S COURT,

Central Provinces,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,

Central Provinces.

Dated Nagpur, the 26th March 1890

SIR,

I have the honour to submit the Civil Judicial Statements for the year 1889 with the following remarks :—

A —TRIBUNALS.

2. The number of Courts open at the close of 1889 was 191 as against 178 open at the close of the preceding year Details for the two years are given in the margin. It was stated in last year's Report that the figures for the year 1888 included Mr. Balwant Rao Bhuskute, Honorary Extra-Assistant Commissioner, Nimar, but did not include Mr. Hari Bhandan Patnaik, Manager of the Phuljhar and Borasambhar Zamindaris in the Sambalpur district, or Mr. Bapu Rao, Tahsildar of the Pendra Zamindari in the Bilaspur district. This was an error. It has now been discovered that they did include the second of these, but not the two others The increase of 13 in the number of Courts open at the end of 1889 is thus accounted for. In the Nagpur Division the Naib-Tahsildars of Ramtek, Katol, and Umrer in the Nagpur District, of Wardha, Arvi and Hinganghat in the Wardha District, and of Mul and Sironcha in the Chanda District, were invested with Civil Judicial powers. Munsiffs were appointed at

	1888	1889
Court of the Judicial Commissioner	1	1
Do Commissioner	4	4
Do Deputy Commissioner ..	18	18
Do Civil Judge	11	13
Do Assistant Commissioner	36	34
Do Tahsildar	51	52
Do Munsiff	18	21
Do Naib-Tahsildar	31	43
Do Small Cause Court Judges and Registrars	8	7
Total	178	191

Tirora, Warora, and Burha. The Extra-Assistant Commissioner of Chanda was made a Civil Judge. In the Nerbudda Division the Court of Mr. Balwant Rao, which was closed towards the end of 1888, was re-opened. In the Jubbulpore Division the Naib-Tahsildars of Umaria, Banda and Hatta were invested with Civil Judicial powers. In the Chhattisgarh Division Civil Judicial powers were restored to the Naib-Tahsildar of Raipur. A Civil Judge was appointed in Sambalpur. And there were two more Tahsildars' Courts, one at Pendra, the other at Borasambhar. The sum total of the Courts thus enumerated is 20. From this must be deducted the Courts that were closed during the year. There was one less Assistant Commissioner's Court in each of four districts, Nagpur, Wardha, Chanda and Sambalpur In the two latter, as has been said, Civil Judges were appointed instead. In Nagpur only two of the Assistant Commissioners did Civil work in 1889, as against three in 1888.

In Wardha at the close of 1888 there happened to be a young Assistant Commissioner just out from England, who had done a little Civil work, in addition to the ordinary staff. The Asirgarh Small Cause Court was closed in July last. The number of Munsiffs declined by two, those at Pendra and Borasambhar being styled Tahsildars now, as already indicated Thus it will be seen that the net increase in the Courts was 13.

There were four Honorary Judges,—Balwant Rao Bhuskute of Burhanpur, Rao Bahadur Yado Rao of Bhandara, and Rai Bahadur Mukund Balkrishna Bhuti of Nagpur, Honorary Extra-Assistant Commissioners; and Rup Narain Singh of Bilaspur, Honorary Munsiff. Mukund Balkrishna Buti did no work: Rup Narain Singh did but little.

8. The Local Bar consists of 18 Advocates (of whom 11 are Barristers and 116 Pleaders, distributed as follows:—

Nagpur	...	33	Jubbulpore	...	20	Seoni	... 1
Bhandara	...	7	Saugor	...	8	Narsinghpur.	11
Wardha	...	11	Damoh	...	8	Raipur	... 7
Arvi	...	1	Hoshangabad	...	15	Sambalpur	2
Khandwa	...	4	Harda	...	4	Bilaspur	... 6
Bhurhanpur...		1					

At the examination of local candidates for admission as Pleaders, held at Nagpur in October last, three candidates were successful, and six Bachelors of Law were enrolled during the year as Pleaders of the Second grade.

B.—Extent and Character of Litigation

I.—*Number of suits*

4. Of the following two tables, Table A shows the number of suits instituted and re-instituted in each district of the Provinces for each year from 1862 to date; Table B gives the same statistics for the last 5 years for each place where one or more Civil Courts are established.

TABLE A.

Showing the number of suits instituted and re-instituted in each District of the Central Provinces from 1862 to 1889.

Years.	Nagpur								Jubbulpore				Saugor								Nimar.										Grand Total
	District	City Small Cause Court.	Cantonment Small Cause Court, Kamptee	Total	Chanda.	Bhandara	Wardha	Balaghat	District.	City Small Cause Court	Cantonment Small Cause Court.	Total	District	Cantonment Small Cause Court	Total	Seoni	Damoh	Mandla	Hoshangabad	Betul	District	Cantonment Small Cause Court, Asirgarh	Total	Narsinghpur	Chhindwara	Raipur	Bilaspur	Sambalpur	Upper Godavari	
1862	3,349	1,622	1,602	6,583	667	1,750	658	...	1,619	315	504	2,438	2,313	601	2,914	806	760	369	2,016	1,058	.	.	...	2,121	705	1,826	163	345	7	24,668
1863	3 020	1,436	2,338	6,794	657	1,634	592	..	1,365	1,321	686	3,393	2,380	572	2,952	973	729	201	2,302	1,142		..		2,691	1 038	820	222	201	25	26,805
1864	2,547	1,622	1,706	6,045	716	1,692	499	...	1,230	1,683	612	3,525	2,109	1,161	3,270	1,290	859	354	3,153	1,288	4,398	.	4,398	2,542	870	1,221	707	275	42	32,697
1865	2,974	1,288	806	5,068	649	2,076	91.	..	1,734	1,789	455	3,928	2,741	709	3,450	1,343	1,377	56.	5,887	1,156	3,354	..	3,864	3,558	1,303	1,573	1,781	695	66	3,92,554
1866	3,356	2,350	1,017	6,623	1,021	2,420	1,216	.	1,405	1,636	481	3 522	2 985	720	3,708	1,18.	1,289	421	5,279	1,194	7,561	.	7,561	3,416	1,345	1,379	2,896	594	163	45,350
1867	3,390	3,289	1,323	8,002	1,219	2,934	1,892	303	1,685	1,662	296	3,643	2,724	389	3,113	1,263	1 709	390	5,427	1,979	5,541	27	5,568	3,272	1,990	1,408	3,762	592	89	48 544
1868	4,566	4,080	2,063	10,709	1,636	2,798	3,057	810	1,699	2,052	541	4,292	8,612	559	4,171	1,394	1,631	401	5,494	2,732	6,508	244	6,752	4,125	2,770	1,659	3,466	538	125	58,568
1869	4,529	4,415	3,454	13 398	2,006	2,814	3,724	925	1,441	1,984	514	3,939	4,052	835	4,887	1 387	1,760	528	5,068	2,351	7,854	293	8,147	4,536	3,340	1,982	1,295	886	159	63,137
1870	5,648	4,890	3,407	13,935	2,987	3,596	4,277	727	1,725	2,435	445	4,605	4,003	692	4,695	2,185	1,693	656	6,750	2,702	7,689	165	7,854	5 657	4,027	3,123	1,866	989	289	72,183
1871	6,761	5,300	2,594	14,661	2,937	3,597	6,169	1,236	2,278	2,499	403	5,240	3,132	699	3,831	2,612	1,783	569	6,695	3,207	8,551	118	8,669	6,38.	5,616	3,194	2,281	1,112	286	78,088
1872	6,060	5,061	2,779	13,900	2,077	3,122	5,485	989	2,313	2,400	511	5,224	2,652	672	3,324	1,904	1,843	679	7,219	3,246	9,572	174	9,746	5,593	3,537	3,641	2,561	1 087	277	73,955
1873	6,315	5,700	2,428	14,452	2,161	2,663	6,051	1,191	1,985	2,254	437	4,676	2,979	432	3,411	1,692	2,060	661	7,918	3,278	7,508	147	7,955	6,369	3,533	2,65.	2,081	1,427	252	74,894
1874	6,904	6,104	2,837	15,845	2,039	2,707	6,839	1,319	2,106	2,493	445	5,044	3,228	302	3 630	1,450	1,744	690	7,523	2,983	7,489	90	7,579	6,265	3,729	3,662	2,085	1,337	279	76,639
1875	7,310	5,993	2,885	16,188	2,235	2,512	7,061	1,508	2,012	2,278	421	4,711	3,281	281	3,662	1,865	1,541	630	7,927	3,220	8,203	62	8,270	5,756	4,464	3,355	2,043	1 354	169	78,777
1876	9,152	7,465	2,830	19,447	3,175	3,190	7,155	1,584	2,205	2,087	430	4,672	3,719	399	4,018	1,666	1,477	624	3,331	3,390	8,454	84	8,538	4,967	4,891	4,838	2,885	1,812	108	86,265
1877	10,244	7,401	3,189	20,834	3,085	3,634	6 400	1,79.	2,015	2,219	456	5,290	4,100	390	4,490	1,641	1,940	772	8,344	3,210	7,469	97	7,566	5,146	3,969	5,320	2,868	1 784	137	88,484
1878	9,105	8,301	3 493	20,899	3,754	3,074	4,549	2,300	2,427	2,508	454	5,389	3,810	297	4 107	1,815	1,500	557	7,178	2,410	6,436	57	6,493	4,351	3,200	4,79	2,576	1,738		79 783
1879	10,411	7,844	2,939	21,194	3,175	3,668	5,641	1,339	2,690	2,801	553	6,044	3,284	190	3 474	2,345	1,640	847	8,372	3,268	7,674	69	7,74*	4,604	3,429	5,774	2,481	2,833	.	87,862
1880	10,905	8,402	2,511	21,813	3,768	4,541	6,591	1,446	2,790	2,864	393	5,803	3,241	223	3,464	2,364	1,751	646	7,082	3 069	7,736	66	7,802	4,658	3,844	6,333	3,552	2,693	..	91,379
1881	9,881	7,668	1,990	19,539	4,002	4,817	6,849	1,795	3,039	2,696	262	5,997	3,110	155	3,265	2,019	1,940	650	7,213	2,556	7,479	34	7,513	4,722	3,646	6,126	4,005	2,946		89,908
1882	9,731	6,758	1 931	18,420	4,689	6,029	8,317	1,923	3,024	2,760	341	6,125	3,211	167	3,378	1,626	1,894	803	7,449	2,949	6,870	39	6,909	5,308	3,623	6,018	3,780	3,408	..	92,648
1883	9,231	5,522	1,943	16,.86	3,900	5,099	6,818	2,014	2,913	2,628	324	5,865	4,161	194	4,355	1,322	2,339	958	7,587	2,238	6,960	22	6,982	5 528	3,694	5,922	3,714	3 847	..	89,470
1884	10,521	5,7.8	1,999	18,378	5,15.	6,590	7,540	2,762	3,704	2,945	461	7,110	4,335	144	4,479	2,617	2,034	936	7,575	2,780	7,883	40	8,024	5,639	4,057	7,454	4,353	4,365	.	1,01,193
1885	11,126	6,862	1,79.	19,787	4,796	6,087	8 918	2,768	4,372	3,906	497	7,775	5,037	148	5,185	2,429	2,426	1,265	8,032	2,987	7,386	24	7,410	6,155	4,155	6,690	4,498	3,840	.	*1,04,904
1886	11,695	7,92.	1,966	21,587	5 107	5,993	8,565	2,509	4,651	3,352	520	8,553	4,981	214	5,195	3,034	2,845	1,591	8,162	3,019	7,433	37	7,470	6,418	4,834	8,373	5,789	3 988	..	†1,12,965
1887	11,950	7,470	2,181	21 6.6	5,097	6,582	7,645	5,128	4,313	3,195	454	7,963	5,256	146	5,402	2,838	2,805	1,773	7,636	2,823	7,937	37	7,974	6,538	4,.30	8,390	5,803	3,692	..	‡1,11,855
1888	11,254	6,720	2,065	20,044	5,489	6,824	7,392	3,019	4,211	3,104	547	7,862	5,257	314	5,571	2,836	3,303	1,305	7,614	2,761	7,078	17	7,095	6,727	4,031	7,856	6,377	4,866	..	¶1,10,479
1889	10,393	5,992	2,116	18,501	4,756	7,436	6,998	2,831	3,703	2,838	608	7,149	5,356	251	5,609	2,918	3,513	1,200	6,813	2,609	6,297	29	6,326	5,861	3,718	6,406	4,656	3,022	..	§1,00,330
Grades and number of Courts at the close of 1889																															
Court of the Judicial Commissioner				1	...	...	..	...				...			...	.	..	.	..	...			...		..	...	...	..	.	1
Courts of the Commissioner				1	...	...	...	...				1			...	...	...	...	1	...			...	..	...	1	...	...	...	4
Courts of the Deputy Commissioner				1	1	1	1	1				1			1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	...	18
Courts of Civil Judges				1	1	...	1	...				2			1	...	...	...	1	...			1	.	...	1	1	1	..	12
Courts of the Assistant Commissioner				2	1	3	2	1				1			2	1	1	1	4	1			3	2	1	4	2	2	...	34
Courts of the Tahsildars				4	4	3	3	2				3			4	2	2	2	4	2			2	2	2	4	5	2	...	52
Courts of the Munsiffs (Additional Tahsildar)				4	1	1	3	1				1			1	...	...	...	3	..			1	2	...	1	1	1	..	21
Courts of the Naib Tahsildar				3	4	2	3	1				3			3	2	2	1	2	2			2	2	2	3	3	1	...	42
Small Cause Courts & Registrars				4	...	...	...	...				2			1	...	...	.	..	...			...	...	..	..	...	...	..	7
Total				21	12	11	13	6				14			18	6	6	5	16	6			10	10	6	15	13	8	...	191

* Includes one suit instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Jubbulpore Division.
† Includes three suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.
‡ Includes one suit instituted in do. do. do.

¶ Includes seven suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.
§ Includes seven suits instituted in do. do. do

TABLE B.

Showing the number of suits instituted and re-instituted in each Head-quarters Station and in each Tahsil of the Central Provinces, from 1885 to 1889.

Locality of Courts.		Number of suits instituted and re-instituted.				
		1885.	1886	1887.	1888.	1889.
Nagpur ...	Nagpur	2,830	3,010	2,897	3,091	2,783
	Court of Small Causes, Nagpur	6,662	7,926	7,475	6,725	5,992
	Total ..	9,492	10,936	10,372	9,816	8,775
	Kamptee	1,799	1,966	2,181	2,065	2,116
	Katol	2,260	2,849	2,045	2,523	2,523
	Ramtek	2,290	3,576	3,877	3,052	3,038
	Saoner	1,552	.	...	...	...
	Umrer	2,194	2,260	2,531	2,588	2,049
Chanda ...	Chanda	507	444	479	552	550
	Warora	2,028	2,121	2,048	1,844	1,558
	Mul	1,138	1,239	1,146	1,398	1,214
	Brahmapuri	1,016	1,173	1,252	1,457	1,257
	Sironcha Sub-division	107	130	172	238	177
Bhandara ..	Bhandara	2,548	2,650	3,343	3,291	3,293
	Tirora	2,360	1,960	2,217	2,300	2,911
	Sakoli	1,179	1,283	1,022	1,233	1,232
Wardha ...	Wardha	4,393	3,980	3,406	3,328	3,472
	Arvi	2,270	2,093	2,091	1,784	1,580
	Hinganghat	2,255	2,492	2,148	2,280	1,946
Balaghat .	Burha	2,551	2,810	2,924	2,852	2,6[illegible]2
	Behir	217	199	204	167	179
Jubbulpore	Jubbulpore	1,883	1,910	1,855	1,977	1,771
	Court of Small Causes, Jubbulpore	2,906	3,382	3,195	3,104	2,838
	Do. do Cantonment .	497	520	454	547	608
	Total ...	5,286	5,812	5,504	5,628	5,217
	Murwara .	1,207	1,303	1,008	792	792
	Sehora .	1,228	1,438	1,480	1,442	1,120
	Umaria ...	..	...	...	...	20

Locality of Courts		Number of suits instituted and re-instituted.				
		1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.	1889
Saugor	Saugor .. .	2,396	2,511	2,580	2,269	2,275
	Court of Small Causes, Saugor ..	148	214	146	314	251
	Kurai	1,260	1,135	1,197	1,164	1,386
	Rehli	792	823	951	1,029	900
	Banda ...	589	512	528	795	797
Damoh	Damoh	1,811	2,169	2,139	2,413	2,454
	Hatta ...	615	676	666	890	1,059
Seoni	Seoni	1,800	2,001	1,785	1,791	1,999
	Lakhnadon	629	1,033	1,053	1,045	919
Mandla	Mandla	1,082	1,417	1,571	1,120	1,027
	Ramgarh . ..	183	174	202	185	173
Hoshangabad	Hoshangabad	2,984	3,290	3,259	3,140	2,955
	Seoni ...	807	1,090	1,010	884	627
	Harda	2,628	1,923	1,784	2,170	1,767
	Sohagpur	1,517	1,764	1,495	1,316	1,324
	Pachmarhi Sub-division ...	96	95	108	104	140
Betul	Betul	2,002	2,076	1,676	1,684	1,623
	Multai	985	943	1,147	1,077	986
Narsinghpur	Narsinghpur	3,192	3,299	3,414	3,527	3,263
	Gadarwara	2,963	3,119	3,124	3,200	2,598
Nimar	Khandwa	4,508	4,682	5,595	5,184	4,331
	Burhanpur	2,878	2,751	2,342	1,894	1,966
	Court of Small Causes, Asirgarh ..	24	37	37	17	29
Chhindwara	Chhindwara ...	3,062	3,288	2,853	2,712	2,570
	Sausar .	1,093	1,576	1,377	1,319	1,148
Raipur	Raipur	2,991	3,289	3,347	3,596	2,921
	Drug	1,079	1,370	1,441	1,595	1,149
	Dhamtari .. .	1,512	2,084	1,909	1,072	1,074
	Simga	1,008	1,630	1,693	1,593	1,262
Sambalpur	Sambalpur . ..	2,136	2,393	2,180	2,738	1,881
	Bargarh	1,704	1,595	1,412	1,628	1,142
Bilaspur	Bilaspur	1,618	2,171	2,335	2,538	1,777
	Mungeli	2,034	2,013	2,052	1,958	1,584
	Seorinarain	846	1,605	1,308	1,575	855
	Pandaria		...	108	311	214
	Pendra	..	...	...	...	26
Total		* 104,904	† 112,965	‡ 111,855	¶ 110,479	§ 100,330

* Includes one suit instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Jubbulpore Division.
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Table B-2 compares the figures of 1888 and 1889.

TABLE B 2.

District.	Number of suits instituted and re instituted in		Increase or decrease	Percentage.
	1888.	1889.		
Nagpur	20,044	18,501	—1,543	7·7
Chanda	5,489	4,756	—733	13 3
Bhandara	6,824	7,436	+612	9 0
Wardha	7,392	6,998	—394	5·3
Balaghat	3,019	2,831	—188	6·2
Jubbulpore	7,862	7,149	—713	9 1
Saugor	5,571	5,609	+38	0·7
Seoni	2,836	2,918	+82	2·9
Damoh	3,303	3,513	+210	6·3
Mandla	1,305	1,200	—105	8·0
Hoshangabad	7,614	6,813	—801	10·5
Betul	2,761	2,609	—152	5 5
Nimar	7,095	6,326	—769	10·8
Narsinghpur	6,727	5,861	—866	12 9
Chhindwara	4,031	3,718	—313	7·7
Raipur	7,856	6,406	—1,450	18·5
Bilaspur	6,377	4,656	—1,721	27·0
Sambalpur	4,366	3,023	—1,343	30·7
Total ..	*1,10,479	+1,00,330	—10,149	9 2

5. These tables show that the amount of litigation in 1889 was considerably less than in the previous year. In fact, the total number of suits instituted and re-instituted was less than in any year since 1883.

This decrease is shared by no less than 14 districts, while it is but very slightly counterbalanced by an increase in the districts of Bhandara (612), Saugor (38), Seoni (82), and Damoh (210). The total increase in these 4 districts is only 942, while the net Provincial decrease is 10,149.

The largest proportionate decrease was in Sambalpur (30·7 per cent). In Bilaspur it was 27 per cent, in Raipur 18·5 per cent, in Chanda 13·3, in Narsinghpur 12·9, in Hoshangabad 10·8 and in Nimar 10·5.

The prevalence of cholera is stated to be the cause of the decrease in all three districts of the Chhattisgarh Division, in Nagpur, in Chanda, and in Mandla. The Deputy Commissioner of Balaghat mentions that it has been suggested as a cause for the decrease in his district also, but he does not accept it In all the districts of the Nerbudda Division the falling off is attributed to the partial failure of the crops. The Deputy Commissioner of Wardha attributes the decrease in his district to a good cotton crop in two successive years, which has increased the prosperity of the poorer classes, and enabled them the better to meet their pecuniary obligations, On the other hand, the Deputy Commissioner of Damoh attributes the increase in his district to a good kharif harvest. It seems probable that cholera was the cause of the decrease in the southern and south-eastern tracts of the Province, and partial failure of crops the cause

* Includes seven suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.
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of the decrease in the districts of the Nerbudda Division. The fluctuations in the Jubbulpore Division are not very remarkable, and, as the Commissioner says, do not seem to call for explanation.

II.—*Value of suits.*

6. The relative values of the suits instituted in 1889 are shown in Table C, and the figures for 1888 and 1889 are contrasted in Table C 2

TABLE C.

Grades of value	Number of suits instituted	Percentage of total suits.	Average value
			Rs
Not exceeding Rs 10	21,776	21 7	6
Ditto „ 50 ..	49,773	49 6	26
Ditto „ 100 ...	14,884	14 8	72
Ditto „ 500 ..	11,840	11 8	196
Ditto „ 1,000 ...	1,015	1 9	767
Ditto „ 5,000	719		2,214
Ditto „ 10,000	77		8,924
Exceeding „ 10,000 ..	33		7,451
Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated	213	0 2	..
Total	1,00,330	100·0	—

TABLE C 2.

Grades value.	Number of suits instituted in 1888	Number of suits instituted in 1889	Increase or decrease	Percentage
Not exceeding Rs 10 .	26,397	21,776	—4 621	—17 5
Ditto „ 50	55,133	49,773	— 5,360	—9 7
Ditto „ 100	15,072	14,884	—188	—1 2
Ditto „ 500	11,545	11,840	+295	+2 5
Ditto „ 1,000 .	1,094	1,015	—79	—7 2
Ditto „ 5,000 ..	721	719	—2	—0 3
Ditto „ 10,000 ..	67	76	+9	+13 4
Exceeding „ 10,000 ..	29	34	+5	+17 2
Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated ..	421	213	—208	—49 4
Total ...	1,10,479	1,00,330	—10,149	—9 2

Table D shows the percentages of Table C in detail according to districts.

TABLE D.

Districts.	Not exceeding Rs 10.	Not exceeding Rs 50	Not exceeding Rs 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Exceeding Rs. 500.	Value cannot be estimated
Nagpur ..	24·7	49·5	14·0	9·9	1·4	0·5
Chanda ...	21·7	53 8	13·8	9·8	0·9	...
Bhandara ...	17·1	55·7	15·9	9·9	1·4	...
Wardha ...	19·8	47·1	17·1	13·5	1·8	0·7
Balaghat ...	25·8	51·1	13·8	8·1	1·0	0·2
Jubbulpore ...	20·2	46·7	14 9	15·9	2·3	...
Saugor ..	20·1	51·4	14·6	11·0	2·3	0·6
Damoh ...	19·1	53·2	15·4	11·1	1·2	...
Seoni ...	21·6	52·4	12·9	11·1	2·0	...
Mandla ...	35·5	46·2	9·8	6·4	1·9	0·2
Hoshangabad ...	12·6	42·0	18·6	22·1	4·7	...
Betul ...	15·3	49·5	19·2	14·3	1·7	...
Narsinghpur ...	14·4	48·4	17·5	16·6	3·1	...
Chhindwara ...	22 5	49·3	14·5	12·1	1·6	...
Nimar ...	21·3	51·9	14·9	10·2	1·2	0·5
Raipur ...	25·8	48·8	14·6	9·5	1·3	...
Sambalpur ...	38·7	44·0	9·3	6·8	1·2	...
Bilaspur ..	29·7	52·5	9·8	6·7	1·3	...

7. It was noticed in last year's Report that the average values of suits had a tendency to increase with the development of the country and the increase of trade. This tendency is again observable in the figures for 1889. It may, however, also be explained by the decrease of litigation due to the causes already mentioned, which naturally occurred in the petty suits for money due—the most numerous class of all. The proportion of suits not exceeding Rs. 50 in value has fallen to 71·3 per cent of the whole litigation. The proportion of those not exceeding Rs. 500 in value is exactly the same as in 1888. The percentage of suits, the value of which cannot be estimated has fallen still further. There seems little doubt now that the Circular explaining the law on the subject of the valuation of suits, referred to in last year's Report, has been properly attended to, and that the classification of suits is now more correct.

8. Table E shows the distribution of suits under the heads of suits for money or moveable property, suits between landlord and tenant, and title and other suits in 1887, 1888 and 1889 :—

TABLE E.

Description of suits.	1887		1888		1889.	
	Number of suits.	Percentage of total suits.	Number of suits	Percentage of total suits.	Number of suits.	Percentage of total suits.
I.—Suits for money or moveable property .	94,950	84 9	92,005	83 3	82,971	82 7
II—Suits between landlord and tenant	10,460	9 4	11,110	10·0	10 511	10·5
III.—Title and other suits ...	6,445	5 7	7,364	6 7	6,848	6 8
Total	111,855	100	110,479	100	100,330	100 0

9. These figures do not seem to call for much remark. The general decrease is contributed to by all three classes. The percentage of suits for money and moveable property has declined; the percentage of the other two kinds slightly risen. The Nerbudda Division is the only Division in which Tenancy suits have increased. But even there the fluctuations in the various districts are considerable. For while the total increase in the Division is 60 suits, the increase in the Narsinghpur district alone is more than 200. This increase is ascribed to the agricultural distress prevailing The explanation may be correct, but then Colonel Scott attributes the increase in the suits for arrears of rent in his district (Wardha) to the good cotton crop, the landlords suing their tenants in good years for arrears that have accrued in bad.

10. In Table F a further specification is given of the suits entered in Class I of Table B, and the variations as compared with the figures for 1888 are shown :—

TABLE F.

Description of suits.	1888.		1889.		Increase or decrease in percentage.
	Number of suits.	Percentage of total suits.	Number of suits.	Percentage of total suits	
Contract in writing ...	48,665	44 0	45,146	45 0	+1 0
Contract not in writing ..	18,633	16 8	16,060	16 0	— ·8
On account stated ..	4,625	4 1	4,575	4·6	+ ·5
Money had and received ..	677	0 6	642	0 6	...
Goods sold ..	7,560	6 8	6,597	6 6	— ·2
Wages, work and materials ..	1,030	0 9	920	0 9	..
Breach of contract not mentioned above ...	2,538	2 2	1,727	1·7	— 5
Rent not falling under the Rent Law .	807	0 7	578	0 5	— ·2
Moveable property or value thereof ...	4,660	4·2	4·125	4·1	— ·1
Damages ...	2,810	2 5	2,601	2 6	+ 1
Total ..	92,005	83 3	82,971	82·7	— ·6

The figures in this table show that there are many fluctuations in the percentages of the various kinds of suits. They are not, however, particularly marked.

11. Table G gives the classified details of the principal description of suits in Table E, distributed according to districts :—

TABLE G.

Classified details of the principal descriptions of Suits in Table E.

Districts.	Total suits instituted.	For money due.						Moveable property or value thereof.		Damages.		Suits for arrears of rents.		Other suits between landlord and tenants.		Immoveable property.	
		Contract in writing.		Contract not in writing		Goods sold.											
		Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.
Nagpur ...	18,501	10,057	54·4	2,101	11·3	2,356	12 7	567	3·1	307	1 7	1,072	5 8	171	0 9	585	3·2
Chanda ...	4,756	2,641	55·5	625	13 1	179	3 8	296	6 2	130	2·7	235	4 9	23	0·5	147	3·0
Bhandara ..	7,436	4,720	63·5	1,250	16·8	26	0·3	20	0·3	157	2 1	663	8·9	242	3·2	132	1·8
Wardha ...	6,998	2,786	39·8	587	8·4	498	7·1	631	9·0	152	2·2	654	9·3	49	0·7	286	4·1
Balaghat ...	2,831	1,277	45 1	749	26·4	70	2·5	94	3 3	117	4·1	203	7·1	77	2·7	73	2·6
Jubbulpore ..	7,149	2,933	41·0	1,036	14·5	679	9·5	122	1 7	228	3 2	724	10·1	180	2·5	249	3·5
Saugor ...	5,609	2,385	42·5	1,123	20·0	242	4·3	270	4·8	71	1·3	418	7·4	127	2·3	174	3·1
Damoh ...	3,513	1,347	38·3	527	15·0	82	2·3	182	5 2	100	2·8	393	11·1	69	2·0	223	6·3
Seoni ...	2,918	1,008	34·5	671	23·0	167	5 7	87	3 0	100	3·4	224	7·7	208	7·1	114	3·9
Mandla ...	1,200	232	19·3	365	30·4	152	12·6	46	3·8	122	10 1	88	7·3	12	1·0	27	2·2
Hoshangabad ..	6,813	3,496	51·3	1,200	17 6	91	1·3	229	3·4	80	1·2	497	7·3	99	1·4	396	5·8
Betul ...	2,609	1,259	48·2	362	13·9	105	4·0	113	4 3	128	4·9	178	6 8	37	1·4	172	6 6
Narsinghpur ..	5,861	2,378	40 6	756	12 9	56	1·0	264	4·5	54	0 9	1,379	23 5	135	2·3	164	2·8
Chhindwara ...	3,718	1,656	44·5	591	15·9	172	4·6	204	5·5	108	2 9	270	7·3	101	2·7	243	6·5
Nimar ..	6,326	3,315	52·4	631	10·0	663	10·5	317	5·0	82	1·3	246	3·9	16	0 2	232	3 7
Raipur ..	6,406	1,759	27·4	1,705	26·6	414	6·5	209	3·3	284	4·4	559	8·7	314	4·9	247	3 9
Sambalpur ..	3,023	833	27·5	703	23·2	256	8·4	186	6·1	208	6·9	250	8·3	63	2 1	332	10·9
Bilaspur ...	4,656	1,064	22·8	1,076	23 1	389	8·3	288	6·2	173	3 7	372	8·0	161	3 4	194	4·2
Total ...	* 100,330	45,140	45·0	16,060	16·0	6,597	6·6	4,125	4·1	2,601	2·6	8,427	8·4	2,084	2·0	3,990	3·9

* Includes 7 suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division

The remarks of the Commissioner of the Nagpur Division on this subject deserve notice. He writes:—

"The most striking thing is the very varied proportions in which suits of the different kinds seem to be instituted in different districts which raises a strong suspicion of differences of classification. Thus it is very strange that in Bhandara suits for goods sold should form only ·3 per cent of the total, while in Nagpur they form 12 7 per cent, and in Wardha 7·1 per cent. Similarly why should Wardha have 9 per cent of suits for moveable property, while Bhandara has only ·3 per cent? Such enormous differences must surely be due in large measure to errors of classification in one district or the other In both instances, I believe, the Bhandara figures to be incorrect."

The Commissioner adds that the Deputy Commissioner will be addressed on the subject.

12. Table H gives the relative value of the principal descriptions of suits:—

TABLE H.

Description of suits	Number.	Percentage of					
		Suits not exceeding				Suits above	Total
		Rs. 10.	Rs. 50	Rs. 100	Rs 500.	Rs. 500	
Contract in writing ..	45,146	9·8	55 9	19 5	13 3	1·5	100·
Contract not in writing.	16,060	39·1	46 9	7·7	5 2	1·1	100
Goods sold ...	6,597	54·6	36·8	5 2	3 1	0·3	100
Moveable property or value thereof ...	4.125	30 2	47·0	11 5	10·0	1·3	100
Damages ...	2,601	25 7	42 9	15 3	13·4	2·7	100·
Arrears of rent ...	8,427	25 0	54 0	13 2	7·6	0·2	100
Immoveable property.	3,990	16 1	37 9	17·2	23 2	5 6	100
Increase or decrease compared with the results of 1888.							
Contract in writing ...	—3,519	—0·1	—2 1	+1·1	+0·9	+0 2	
Contract not in writing	—2,573	—2 3	+0 2	+1·1	+0 8	+0 1	
Goods sold	—963	—6 6	+2 9	+2·1	+1 4	+0 2	
Moveable property or value thereof	—535	—2·1	—0 9	+0 4	+2 7	—0 1	
Damages ..	—209	+2·4	—1 6	—0·3	—0·7	+0 2	
Arrears of rent ...	—378	—2 2	+0 6	+0 1	+1 5	...	
Immoveable property ...	—712	—2 7	+1·0	+0 8	+2 7	—18.	

C.—General Distribution and Results of Trials of Civil Suits by Courts of Original Jurisdiction.

13. The following table shows how the suits disposed of during the year were distributed among the different classes of Courts in the several districts.

TABLE J

Total number of Judges	7	42	21	52	2	44	18	
Districts	Small Cause Courts	Naib Tahsildars.	Munsiffs	Tahsildars.	Honorary Assistant Commissioners	Assistant Commissioners and Civil Judges	Deputy Commissioners	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Nagpur ...	8,069	1,803	5,863	1,409	...	1,239		18,383
Chanda	...	2,104	648	1,425	...	548	1	4,726
Bhandara ..	...	3,520	696	2,212	28	824	10	7,290
Wardha	...	1,333	2,753	1,119	..	749	1	6,955
Bálaghat ...	...	1,037	843	575	...	342	6	2,803
Jubbulpore .	3,476	1,244	441	853	.	1,102	.	7,118
Saugor ...	254	1,785	1,336	1,496	...	718	1	5,590
Damoh	...	1,712	...	1,398	...	459	4	3,573
Seoni ...	...	1,698		590	..	529	28	2,845
Mandla ...	...	573	..	611	...	131	...	1,315
Hoshangabad .	...	1,069	2,942	1,574	...	1,275	..	6,860
Betul ..	...	1,317	...	979	..	361	5	2,662
Narsinghpur ...	..	1,394	2,463	1,066	..	968	1	5,892
Chhindwara ...	...	2,186		900	...	572	2	3,660
Nimar ...	30	3,150	1,839	740	105	592	4	6,460
Raipur ...	...	2,460	1,601	1,422	.	964	1	6,448
Sambalpur ..	..	880	1,259	311	..	538	1	2,989
Bilaspur ...	..	2,681	228	1,118		495	4	4,526
Total ... 1889..	11,829	31,946	23,912	19,800	133	12,406	69	100,095
Total ... 1888 .	13,102	31,900	30,533	22,288	46	13,277	89	111,235
Percentage .. 1889..	11 8	31 9	23 9	19 8	0 1	12 4	0 1	100
Percentage .. 1888..	11 8	28 7	27 5	20 0	...	11 9	0 1	100
Percentage .. 1887 .	12 0	31 5	25 2	20 1	0 1	11·0	0 1	100
Percentage .. 1886 ..	12 5	30 9	24 4	20 0	...	12 1	0 1	100
Percentage .. 1885 .	11 5	45 0	6 3	25 4	...	11·6	0 2	10

The percentage of suits disposed of by Small Cause Courts remained the same as in 1888; the percentage of those disposed of by Naib-Tahsildars increased, while the percentage of those disposed of by Munsiffs decreased. The percentage of suits disposed of by all these Courts taken together was 67·6 as against 68 in 1888. The amount of work done by Tahsildars was slightly less than in 1888, that done by Assistant Commissioners and Civil Judges appreciably more. These results naturally follow from what has already been noted—the investiture of several Naib-Tahsildars with Civil Judicial powers, the appointment of more Munsiffs, and the increase in the average value of the suits instituted. The new Munsiffs did not begin to work till the middle of the year. Otherwise the relief afforded to Tahsildars' Courts would have been much greater. On this subject too the Commissioner of the Nagpur Division has made some pertinent remarks.

14. Table K gives the institution of suits in the various Courts according to value :—

TABLE K.

Judges		Registrars of Courts of Small Causes	Judges of Courts of Small Causes	Naib Tahsildars.	Tahsildars and Munsiffs	Assistant and Extra-Assistant Commissioners including Civil Judges	Deputy Commissioners.	Commissioners	Total.
Number of Judges ...		2	5	42	73	46	18	4	190
Grades of value of suits.	Total No. of suits instituted	Percentage of suits instituted in the Courts of each class of Judge.							
Not exceeding Rs. 10	21,776	15 3	53 7	25·3	5 7	...	...	100·	
Do. 50	49,773	11·7	43 9	38 0	6·4	...	...	100	
Do 100	14,884	10 1	0·7	77·3	11 9	.	.	100	
Do. 500	11,840	9 4	...	52 8	37 7	0·1	...	100	
Do. 1,000	1,015	6·2	...	...	93·3	0 4	0·1	100·	
Do. 5,000	719	...	...	...	95 1	4 7	0 2	100	
Do. 10,000	76	...	...	...	61 0	39 0	...	100·	
Exceeding 10,000	34	...	...	...	51 5	48·5	...	100·	
No. of suits the value of which cannot be estimated.	213	...	...	...	100·0	...	...	100	
All grades ..	1,00,330	11 8	33·5	42 1	12 5	0 1	...	100·	

15. The general results of the trials of the suits disposed of are shown in Table L:—

TABLE L.

Results.	Number of suits.	Proportion per cent in 1889.	Corresponding proportion in 1888.	1887.	1886.	1885.
Plaints rejected or returned ...	784	0 8	0·7	0 7	0·7	0·7
Transferred to other districts or Small Cause Courts' jurisdiction ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
(a).—*Disposed of without contest.*						
Dismissed for default .	18,343	18·3	18·5	18 2	18 4	18·9
Withdrawn with leave ..	894	0·9	0 9	1·0	1 0	1·0
Compromised ..	9,621	9 6	10·1	10 1	10·7	10·7
Decreed on confession ...	20,470	20 3	20 8	22·0	21 8	21 0
Decreed *ex parte* ..	18,985	19·0	18 3	18·5	17 4	16·5
Dismissed *ex parte* ..	951	1 0	1 0	1·1	0·9	0·8
Total uncontested ...	69,264	69 2	69·0	70 9	70 2	68·9
(b).—*Contested and judgment given for—*						
Plaintiff in whole ...	13,928	13·9	13 3	12 5	12·7	12 7
Do in part ..	8,460	8·5	8·4	8 6	9·0	9 3
Defendant in whole ..	7,672	7 7	7 9	7 3	7 3	8·4
Total contested ...	30,060	30 0	29·0	28·4	29·0	30·4

The proportion of contested cases has risen slightly and the proportion of uncontested cases has, of course, correspondingly declined. The proportion of suits dismissed for default, compromised, and decreed on confession is smaller; the proportion of those decreed *ex parte* slightly larger. On these matters it is not necessary to say more than this,—the District reports show that the procedure of the subordinate Courts has been carefully watched by Deputy Commissioners, and it is the suits of smallest value (which have decreased this year) that are chiefly disposed of in these ways.

16. The number of suits pending at the end of the year was 9,361 as against 9,140 at the close of 1888, and the number pending over 4 months 257 as against 240. The Districts of Bhandara and Wardha again show the largest number of suits pending in proportion to the number disposed of. Sambalpur comes next, and then Saugor.

17. The following figures show the Provincial durations and average number of hearings for the last three years:—

		1887	1888	1889
Duration of suits ...	Contested ...	51·7	53 5	55·1
	Uncontested ...	32·7	34·2	34·9
Average number of hearings.	Contested ...	3·5	3·1	3·6
	Uncontested ...	2·0	1·7	2·0

Thus the figures for 1889 compare unfavourably with those for the preceding year. The average duration and the average number of hearings have both increased in both contested and uncontested cases.

With regard to individual districts the three following show the worst results in respect to average durations:—

Saugor ...	Contested	76·3
	Uncontested	45·5
Bhandara ...	Contested	72·5
	Uncontested	48·5
Wardha ...	Contested	71·0
	Uncontested	54·6

In the Bhandara District report, which is the most meagre of all the reports, no attempt has been made to explain these figures. In the Saugor District report it is stated that some very long pending cases had been decided during the year, and thus the district average was injuriously affected. Colonel Scott, Deputy Commissioner of Wardha, who has again written an exceedingly interesting report, attributes the increased average duration to an insistence, on his part, that all Courts should satisfy themselves before proceeding with a case that the summons on the defendant has been duly served. This is very laudable. But the Officiating Judicial Commissioner has noticed that the Wardha Courts seem to go to the extreme of holding no service except personal service on the defendant to be effectual. In examining the monthly Statements he has noticed that in more than one case a summons to defendant has been issued no less than six times. At last, when the process server on his sixth visit has found defendant at home, the case has been proceeded with. In fact the discretion allowed by Section 82 of the Civil Procedure Code of declaring service, by affixing a copy of the summons to defendant's house, under certain circumstances good, seems to be very rarely exercised by the Wardha Courts. It is unnecessary to point out to what abuses the insistence on personal service in every case may lead. Deputy Commissioners should see that their subordinate Courts use a sound discretion and do not follow a hard and fast rule, but at the same time they should see that serving officers always do their best to find the defendant.

The Officiating Judicial Commissioner does not object to the average duration of suits being as long as it is or even longer if only it can be shown that the longer duration has tended to the convenience of parties and the saving of time and labour to the Courts, but when the longer duration is due to the ineffectual issue of process after process and the same suit comes again and again before the Court only to be postponed because a summons has not been served, or the Court has no time to go on with the case, or the witnesses have not attended though duly summoned, the lengthened duration is a sign that there is want of grasp and system and that the working of the Court is not satisfactory.

In respect to average number of hearings Nagpur is worst in contested cases (5·1) and only better than Wardha in uncontested cases (2·3). Mandla comes next with an average of 4·2 hearings in contested, and of 2·3 in uncontested cases. Then comes Bhandara.

Various causes are assigned in the District reports for increase in these averages. It may be that these averages have been affected by two of the said causes:—(1) The average value of each suit has increased, as has been seen. This means that the proportion of intricate cases has been larger, and these naturally take a longer time to dispose of. (2) At a time when cholera is devastating the country, it is difficult to prevail upon the panic-stricken people to attend the Courts, and frequent adjournments have to be granted. Want of system has, however, probably more to do with the large average number of hearings in some Courts than anything else.

18. The number of commissions issued in three years is shown below:—

		1887.	1888	1889
For local investigation	..	1,007	710	414
For examination of accounts	...	203	76	55

These figures show that more care is exercised by the Courts generally in the issue of commissions. But the periodical statements show that there is still room for improvement.

19. References to arbitration have again fallen, from 82 to 70.

20. The number of cases decided on oath has increased from 326 to 372. But it is not so large as in 1887.

21. The number of cases in which payment by instalments was decreed, and the number in which Courts directed that the costs or any part of the costs of a winning plaintiff should not follow the event, have again declined, the former very slightly.

D.—APPELLATE BUSINESS.

22. The following table M compares the number of first appeals instituted in 1888 and 1889:—

TABLE M.

Appeals to Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners.

	Courts of Commissioners.		Courts of Deputy Commissioners		Courts of Civil Judges		Total		Percentage of appeals to appealable cases	
	1888.	1889	1888	1889	1888	1889	1888	1889	1888	1889
From decrees of ordinary Civil Courts ..	811	800	3,437	3,004	2,844	2,601	6,592	5,905		..
From orders ..	41	63	217	188	210	250	468	501	...	
Total	852	863	3,654	3,192	3,054	2,851	7,060	6,406	23 5	23 1

23 Table N gives the result of appeals, first and second.

TABLE N

Disposal of Appeals

Courts	Confirmed without notice to respondent		Dismissed in default		Remanded for retrial		Decree of Lower Courts						Total disposed of
							Modified		Reversed		Confirmed		
	Number	Per centage of total appeals	Number	Per centage of total appeals	Number	Per centage of total appeals	Number	Per centage of total appeals	Number	Per centage of total appeals	Number	Per centage of total appeals	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Court of the Judicial Commissioner	141	23 9	19	3 2	54	9 2	48	8 1	98	16 6	230	39 0	590
Courts of the Commissioner—													
Nagpur			2	2 7	4	5 4	23	31 1	11	14 9	34	45 9	74
Jubbulpore	5	5 7	3	3 6	5	5	13	14 9	16	18 4	45	51 7	87
Nerbudda			7	4 7	16	10 9	21	14 3	26	17 7	77	52 4	147
Chhattisgarh	11	15 7	1	1 4	4	5 7	8	11 4	12	17 2	34	48 6	70
Total	16	4 2	13	3 1	29	7 7	65	17 2	65	17 2	190	50 3	378
District Appellate Courts													
Nagpur	8	1 8	40	8 8	40	8 8	58	12 7	67	14 7	242	53 2	455
Chanda	52	20 7	11	4 4	5	2 0	36	14 4	45	17 9	102	40 6	251
Bhandara	26	8 6	19	6 3	12	3 9	40	13 1	58	19 1	149	49 0	304
Wardha	139	28 1	19	3 9	16	3 2	107	21 7	88	17 8	125	25 3	494
Balaghat	61	39 6	9	5	9	5 8	8	5 2	24	15 6	43	27 9	154
Jubbulpore	18	5 4	27	8 1	32	9 5	28	8 3	73	21 8	157	46 9	335
Saugor	43	13 4	27	8 4	17	5 3	44	13 8	79	24 7	110	34 4	320
Damoh	21	8 2	9	3 5	2	0 8	29	11 3	59	23 1	136	53 1	256
Seoni	32	12 5	13	5 1	5	1 9	28	10 9	35	13 6	144	56 0	257
Mandla	33	41 0	9	11 6	5	6 4			23	29 5	9	11 5	78
Hoshangabad	39	6 3	34	5 5	68	11 0	58	9 4	88	14 2	332	53 6	619
Betul	86	29 9	14	4 9	3	1 0	24	8 3	51	17 7	110	38 2	288
Narsinghpur	16	2 4	43	6 5	35	5 3	87	13 2	144	21 8	335	50 8	660
Chhindwara	107	43 0	9	3 6	6	2 4	25	10 0	27	10 9	75	30 1	249
Nimar	104	31 6	18	5 2	36	10 9	21	6 2	69	20 9	90	26 3	342
Raipur	151	29 3	54	10 5	23	4 5	31	6 0	80	15 5	176	34 2	515
Sambalpur	39	15 1	32	12 4	14	5 4	29	7 7	32	12 3	122	47 1	259
Bilaspur	12	4 2	27	9 4	26	9 0	43	14 9	68	23 6	112	38 9	288
Total	990	16 2	414	6 5	354	5 8	687	11 2	1 110	18 1	2,569	41 9	6 124
GRAND TOTAL	1,147	16 2	446	6 3	437	6 2	800	11 3	1 273	17 9	2,989	42 1	7 092

24. It will be seen from these Tables that the total number of appeals has decreased But the decrease is not nearly so marked as in the case of original suits, the total number of appeals (including the figures for all Courts) being 7,092 as against 7,934 in 1888. The number of first appeals against orders has actually increased, the decrease in such appeals in Courts of Deputy Commissioners being counterbalanced by an increase in Courts of both Commissioners and Civil Judges. Further, it is to be observed that the total number of appeals in Courts of Commissioners has increased from 352 to 363, and

that the districts of Saugor, Damoh, Narsinghpur and Nimar show an increase. It is satisfactory to note that the District reports show that Deputy Commissioners of districts in which there is also a Civil Judge have attended to the remarks in last year's Report to the effect that the distribution of appeals should be so arranged as to enable Deputy Commissioners to satisfy themselves as to the working of all their subordinate Courts.

There are again considerable fluctuations in the number of appeals decided without notice to respondent in the various districts. The total number has increased. In Nagpur only 2, while in Raipur 132 were so decided. On the whole there seems to be no reason to suppose that the discretion allowed by section 551 of the Code of Civil Procedure was not wisely exercised. Again, the highest number of remands was in Hoshangabad, but it was not so high as in 1888.

25. The average duration of appeals has decreased both in Divisional and District Courts. In six districts—Wardha, Balaghat, Saugor, Mandla, Narsinghpur and Nimar—there was an increase in the average duration.

26. In the Judicial Commissioner's Court the number of regular appeals fell from 947 to 929, and of miscellaneous appeals from 69 to 62. The average duration in this Court in the former was 139·7 as against 129·5, and in the latter 106 7 as against 108·5.

E—Execution of Decrees

27. The action of the Courts in executing decrees may be summarized thus :—

The number of applications for execution presented during the year was 80,591, of which 10,374 were left pending at the end of the year. The figures for 1888 were 84,238 and 9,578, so that although the number of applications decreased considerably, more were left pending than at the end of 1888.

Satisfaction was obtained in full in 15,691, and in part in 15,134, whilst 36,822 proved wholly infructuous.

The proportion of wholly infructuous applications to total number for disposal exceeded 50 per cent in only two districts—Wardha and Nimar.

The amount realized by process was Rs. 11,73,009, and the amount realized without process was Rs 17,799.

The number of judgment-debtors arrested but released without imprisonment was only 549 as against 1,664 in the previous year, while the number actually imprisoned was only 93 as against 351. Results such as these were anticipated in last year's Report owing to the introduction of Act VI of 1888

The Officiating Judicial Commissioner regrets that the Courts do not exercise any discretion in diciding when to issue a warrant for a judgment-debtor's arrest or whether to call upon him to show cause in the first instance ; while in some Courts notice has been issued calling upon the judgment-debtor to show cause before an order of attachment is issued against his property—a practice which must throw quite unnecessary difficulties in the way of realizing decrees.

28. The fees levied for the service of processes amounted to Rs. 2,06,207, and the charges incurred in their execution to Rs. 84,732. The corresponding figures for 1888 were Rs. 2,19,987 and Rs. 82,217. This increase in the charges is not explained in any of the District reports, but is due to the strengthening of establishment found necessary

Work done by Officers.

29. The following Tables O to S are comparative Statements showing the work done year by year during the last 5 years by the various Courts of the Province.—

TABLE O.

Work done by the Judical Commissioner.

Special appeals					Miscellaneous Appeals					Applications under Section 622, C C P				
1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889
441	756	597	709	554	42	66	61	47	36	195	143	171	156	18

TABLE P.

Work done by Commissioners.

Courts	Regular Appeals					Miscellaneous Appeals				
	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889
Commissioner of Nagpur	112	73	98	68	68			3	4	6
Commissioner of Jubbulpore ..	109	128	49	60	75	18	13	8	13	12
Commissioner of Nerbudda ..	218	131	98	130	122	19	16	20	15	25
Commissioner of Chhattisgarh ..	123	24	35	50	54	8	9	5	22	16
Additional Commissioner, Nagpur, Nerbudda and Jubbulpore Divisions ..	...	...	.	...	..			...	..	...
Total ..	562	356	280	308	319	45	38	36	54	59

TABLE Q.

Work done by Deputy Commissioners.

Districts	Original suits.					Miscellaneous suits.					Execution cases.					Insolvency cases.					Regular appeals					Miscellaneous appeals.				
	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889
Nagpur ..	1	2	3	...	...	6	1		...	..	2	3	7	3	3	..	..		..	.	124	173	176	135	117	9	23	18	6	12
Chanda ..	..	..	2	3	1	22	11	12	7	1	6	2	..	1	2	10	7	...	...	..	261	211	255	269	161	5	3	10	13	9
Bhandara ..	3	4	5	3	10	1	2	1	9	27	6	5	11	5	9	5	6	10	2	..	281	237	211	327	288	14	12	11	20	16
Wardha ..	13	5	...	..	1	3	6	2	3	..	2	3	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	71	153	134	115	119	6	12	12	4	3
Balaghat ..	20	10	1	...	6	27	13	10	16	3	11	20	10	5	7	3	3	4	...	..	265	170	168	165	145	10	4	2	4	9
Jubbulpore ..	20	12	15	..	..	11	14	18	34	45	31	35	15	9	1	..	1	...	..	..	231	181	117	159	217	9	9	15	7	10
Saugor ..	1	11	9	3	1	2	10	7	2	..	4	13	8	1	..	..	..	10	2	..	383	245	187	81	60	21	42	13	5	1
Damoh ..	9	3	3	..	4	2	7	18	4	5	7	5	3	4	4	2	4	2	3	1	204	223	181	183	251	3	5	10	7	5
Seoni ..	42	26	17	14	28	7	5	6	11	6	18	28	24	27	22	2	8	4	2	3	185	188	173	261	250	..	8	10	18	7
Mandla ..	10	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	2	7	11	5	..	..	1	2	8	2	..	46	38	54	78	72	..	2	4	1	6
Hoshangabad	3	14	7	1	...	...	1	...	..	..	.	10	3	4	.	6	..	...	..	..	300	161	197	232	251	20	4	20	17	18
Betul ..	19	15	12	4	5	9	17	2	10	6	24	19	24	11	9	1	6	1	3	..	262	246	237	281	274	7	5	22	16	14
Narsinghpur ..	1	22	15		1	6	21	7	..	6	..	12	24	..	...	.	4	..	1	...	506	161	149	222	141	62	16	15	20	20
Chhindwara ..	15	26	21	30	2	19	15	14	21	7	25	18	29	27	23	1	1	..	..	..	261	253	263	239	242	13	8	13	10	7
Nimar ...	1	1	1	5	4	31	..	..	13	4	..	9	14	5	4	12	4	...	..	..	245	386	307	312	219	12	15	10	17	15
Raipur .	8	6	1	6	1	..	...	10	19	1	7	6	3	3	.	1	..	..	..	..	247	245	205	157	52	22	24	27	20	1
Sambalpur ..	29	11	6	11	1	20	20	4	27	23	6	1	4	8	3	9	6	...	10	7	240	161	61	126	106	11	10	1	14	8
Bilaspur	45	4	5	9	4	13	4	2	4	9	20	10	3	3	7	4	1	5	1	1	203	264	246	56	98	8	20	6	5	4
Total ...	240	177	123	89	69	179	147	113	189	145	176	210	190	116	95	57	53	44	26	12	4,319	3,646	3,321	3,398	3,062	232	222	225	204	165

TABLE [illegible].

Work done by Assistant and Extra-Assistant Commissioners.

Districts.	Original Suits.					Miscellaneous Suits.					Execution cases.					Insolvency cases.					Regular appeals.					Miscellaneous appeals.				
	1885	1886	1887.	1888.	1889	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888	1889	1885	1886.	1887	1888.	1889.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888	1889.	1885.	1886	1887	1888.	1889	1885.	1886.	1887	1888	1889.
Nagpur ..	1,072	1,133	1,129	1,329	1,239	143	108	179	201	106	1,436	1,300	1,123	1,229	1,162	65	68	51	93	28	359	260	211	457	288	11	15	10	44	38
Chanda ...	536	411	484	564	548	131	99	107	154	91	602	528	438	496	438	...	...	6	2	1	...	...	...	...	77	...	...	...	...	5
Bhandara ...	675	723	736	843	824	112	150	134	168	135	859	808	767	786	768	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wardha ...	874	1,536	707	710	749	331	306	142	132	70	690	935	778	781	721	14	15	18	...	2	338	303	314	379	339	16	9	16	37	33
Balaghat ...	454	314	422	362	34[illegible]	61	59	59	42	30	367	321	355	355	297	...	...	—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.
Jubbulpore ...	957	872	832	974	1,104	100	123	104	92	99	560	534	586	529	665	28	22	26	18	3	193	253	197	193	100	6	1	7	2	8
Saugor ..	764	642	787	840	718	112	111	72	143	114	566	595	561	685	532	4	4	...	5	3	...	...	...	169	255	...	...	...	11	4
Damoh ..	342	469	418	483	459	18	23	46	22	42	189	236	259	290	244	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
Seoni ..	378	424	399	519	529	81	71	85	88	55	306	375	370	391	366	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
Mandla ...	257	240	219	168	131	[illegible]	38	3[illegible]	20	16	137	144	153	97	98	...	...	..	...		.	...	..	...	.	...	..	...	...	...
Hoshangabad	1,206	941	945	1,283	1,275	109	68	78	103	129	1,061	875	992	1,058	1,251	...	9	2	...	1	234	295	376	426	322	6	2	30	38	28
Betul ..	370	545	421	360	361	80	109	66	50	29	340	434	288	207	254	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Narsinghpur	961	1,065	1,123	1,278	968	61	56	93	139	302	727	750	934	993	873	8	17	26	19	1	12	313	289	327	446	...	22	26	22	53
Chhindwara ..	619	591	512	478	572	68	45	54	44	75	426	435	402	389	376	..	...		.	.	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
Nimar ..	785	1,156	786	838	592	179	249	154	181	158	917	994	866	840	722	14	15	25	12	15	...	...	..	.	101	...	...	...	...	7
Raipur ...	943	1,09[illegible]	1 257	1,027	964	61	70	103	94	94	418	551	541	549	466	10	13	15	5	8	173	275	278	579	43[illegible]	11	26	28	28	37
Sambalpur ..	630	585	516	637	538	84	34	37	29	69	321	326	222	303	276		4	8	..	...	.	107	159	161	138	...	3	5	5	7
Bilaspur ...	485	583	555	584	493	59	51	40	47	61	253	236	290	326	295	...	..		2	...			25	320	175	...	...	.	16	11
Total .	12,303	13,831	13,257	13,277	12,400	1,795	1,769	1,600	1,748	1,628	10,234	10,417	9,915	10,286	9,806	148	169	177	155	64	1,309	1,806	1,849	3,011	2,656	52	80	122	203	231

TABLE S.

Work done by Tahsildars, Munsiffs and Naib Tahsildars.

Districts.	Original suits.					Miscellaneous suits.					Execution cases				
	1885.	1886.	1887	1888.	1889	1885	1886	1887.	1888.	1889.	1885.	1886.	1887	1888.	1889.
Nagpur	10,007	10,426	10,697	10,261	9,075	791	871	1,068	1,028	821	8,315	8,966	9,210	9,080	8,348
Chanda	4,360	4,570	4,510	5,039	4,177	562	659	636	583	592	2,981	3,255	3,239	3 720	3,020
Bhandara	5,628	4,886	5,789	6,066	6,428	537	448	581	693	777	2,931	2,924	3,602	4,022	4,401
Wardha	7,777	7,024	7,001	6,690	6,205	1,053	1,081	906	956	908	5,727	6,240	6,017	6,562	5,594
Balaghat	2,371	2,176	2,595	2,676	2,455	145	148	198	170	192	1,658	1,651	1,528	1,578	1,707
Jubbulpore	3,492	3,648	3,442	3,294	2,540	80	106	142	151	177	1,440	1,591	1,673	1,693	1,584
Sanger	4,273	4,320	4,219	4,355	4,617	266	340	304	357	363	2,120	2,440	2,440	2,494	2,497
Damoh	2,101	2,357	2,311	2,726	3,110	165	139	143	165	190	841	897	1,207	1,271	1,496
Seoni	2,033	2,526	2,411	2,304	2,288	83	116	131	127	138	869	1,148	1,213	1,316	1.204
Mandla	977	1,361	1,519	1,048	1,184	29	25	29	42	37	226	372	495	2 16	349
Hoshangabad	7,007	6,837	6,825	6,517	5,585	492	467	444	325	432	4,445	4,645	4,503	4,357	4,176
Betul	2,623	2,433	2,380	2,357	2,296	312	219	228	202	236	1,396	1,368	1,383	1,406	1,341
Narsinghpur	5,143	5,168	5,262	5,495	4,923	185	204	155	196	392	4,131	3,990	3,863	3,623	3,915
Chhindwara	3,629	4,150	3,795	3,491	3,086	220	182	228	208	196	2,425	2,498	2,644	2,497	2,261
Nimar	6,973	6,116	7,116	6,297	5,729	469	541	493	492	457	4,736	4,658	4,772	4,653	4,263
Raipur	5,451	6,977	7,639	6,871	5,483	146	75	150	174	207	2,526	2,828	3,212	2,738	2,814
Sambalpur	3,292	3,343	2,884	3,358	2,450	104	117	84	173	157	1,426	1,245	1,183	1,347	1,132
Bilaspur	3,994	5,304	5,121	5,876	3,799	128	162	183	226	173	1,236	1,545	1,634	1,788	1,614
Total ...	81,130	83,622	85,515	84,721	75,430	5,767	5,900	6,103	6,268	6,443	49,429	52,261	53,818	54,441	51,716

G.—Miscellaneous.

30. Deputy Commissioners report that the new rules in regard to the realization of process fees and the procedure to be observed in receiving and accounting for witnesses' diet money are working well.

31. The amalgamation of the staff of judicial and revenue copyists is also reported to be working well.

32. The office of Judicial Commissioner was held by Mr. J. W. Neill from 1st to 31st January, by Mr R. J. Crosthwaite from 1st February to 3rd June; by Mr. F. Venning from 4th June to 19th November; and again by Mr. J. W. Neill from 20th November to the end of the year.

Mr. Neill inspected the following districts:—

Hoshangabad (twice).
Jubbulpore.
Narsinghpur.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

F. A. T. PHILLIPS,

Registrar.

PRESCRIBED
STATEMENTS.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No I.—(Civil and Criminal).

Statement showing the number of Judicial Divisions and the number of Officers exercising Appellate or Original Jurisdiction in the Central Provinces on the last day of the year 1889 with the cost of Tribunals

Name of Province		Area	Population	Number of Divisions for Courts under Chief Court but superior to Chief Courts of Districts	Number of Districts	Number of Sub Districts	Total number of officers exercising original or appellate jurisdiction: Judges of Chief Court of Provinces	Judges of other Courts superior to Chief District Courts	Judges of Chief Courts of Districts	Judges of District Courts other than Ch of Courts	Judges of other subordinate Courts	Total number of cases decided: Original: Regular	Original: Miscellaneous	Appeals: Regular	Appeals: Miscellaneous	Total receipts of the Courts	Total charges of the Courts
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
																Rs	Rs.
Central Provinces	Territory subject to the High Court: Civil and Revenue	—	84,445	9 838 791	4	18	50	1	4	18	46	122	1 00 108	8 663	6 601	431	12,22,937
	Territory subject to the High Court: Criminal										47	271	23,862	933	2,616	194	12,82,948
	Ditto not subject to the High Court: Civil and Revenue	—		—													
	Ditto not subject to the High Court: Criminal																
	Total		84 445	9,838 791	4	18	50	1	4	18	54	327	1 23 970	9,596	9,217	685	12,22,937	12,82 948

NOTE —Number of European and Native Judicial Officers exercising Appellate or Original Jurisdiction

The Civil Courts are those described in Act XVI of 1885 On the Criminal side District Officers are included with 1st Class Magistrates

CIVIL

Naib Tahsildars: Euro 0, Natives 42
Munsiffs: Euro 0, Natives 21

Judges of Small Cause Courts: Europeans 3, Natives 2
Registrars of Small Cause Courts: Europeans 0, Natives 2

Courts of — Tahsildars: 1st Class Euro 0, Natives 44; 2nd Class Euro 0, Natives 8
Assistant Commissioners: 1st Class Euro 5, Natives 9; 2nd Class Euro 7, Natives 9; 3rd Class Euro 0, Natives 4
Civil Judges: Euro 1, Natives 11
Deputy Commissioners: Euro 18, Natives 0
Commissioners: Euro 4, Natives 0
Judicial Commissioners: Euro 1, Natives 0

CRIMINAL

High Court Judges: Euro. 1, Natives 0
Sessions Judges: Euro 4, Natives 0
Magistrates: 1st Class Euro 32, Natives 26; 2nd Class Euro 2, Natives 107; 3rd Class Euro. 5, Natives 160
Cantonment Magistrates: Euro 4, Natives 0

* The total columns 7 to 11 show the actual number of individuals as required As same Officer has in some (but not in all) cases both Civil and Criminal powers, the figure totals of columns 10 and 11 are higher than totals

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 7—(Civil).

Statement showing the number and description of Civil Suits instituted in the Civil Courts in the Central Provinces in the year 1889.

Class of Tribunals	Suits for money or moveable property,										Suits between landlord and tenant.						Title and other suits.																	
	Contract in writing	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money lad and received	Goods sold.	Wages, work and materials.	Breach of contract not mentioned above	Rent not falling under the rent law.	Moveable property or the value thereof	Damages.	Suits for ejectment	Suits for recovery of possession	Suits for arrears of rent.	Suits for recovery of a penalty for the levy of anything in excess of rent by a landlord.	Suits for recovering penalty from a landlord for refusing a receipt or giving a defective receipt.	All other suits between landlord and tenant not included above.	Suits for immoveable property	Suits for declaratory decrees	Other suits under the specific Relief Act.	Suits to declare and establish rights to immoveable property, including pre-emption, forest rights, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowment.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts or obligations on the ground of fraud	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partitions.	Suits relating to hippling.	Suits relating to religion and caste	Administration suits.	Interpleader suits.	Dissolution of partnership.	Suits under Section 261, Act X of 1866 (also Hindu Wills' Act)	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Grand Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																																			
I.—Civil Courts.																																			
Unpaid Tribunals	6	64	1	1	54	8	31	...	25	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	29	...	...	42	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	332
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub Divisional Tribunals	36,129	14,005	3,387	549	3,981	700	1,597	381	3,692	2,160	...	...	8,277	...	2	...	744	1	...	12	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75,621
Small Cause Courts	6,124	1,570	693	45	2,512	176	42	175	114	180	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,834
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	2,819	417	290	47	50	86	56	19	292	241	938	1,133	150	...	...	11	3,198	369	247	1,802	19	38	...	60	7	191	11	...	...	...	1	...	24	12,466
Chief Courts of Districts	14	4	4	...	...	...	1	...	2	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	1	...	13	1	...	...	...	1	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	6	76
Total	45,146	16,060	4,575	642	6,597	920	1,727	575	4,125	2,601	938	1,133	8,427	...	2	11	3,990	371	247	1,869	24	39	...	62	8	191	16	...	...	...	1	...	30	100,330
II.—Revenue Courts																																			
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT																																			
Presidency Small Cause Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total	45,146	16,060	4,575	642	6,597	920	1,727	575	4,125	2,601	938	1,133	8,427	...	2	11	3,990	371	247	1,869	24	39	...	62	8	191	16	...	...	...	1	...	30	100,330

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 8—(Civil.)

Statement showing number and value of suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Central Provinces, in the year 1889.

Value of Suits	Number of suits instituted in the different Courts.									Total value of suits	Remarks.
	Not exceeding Rs 10	Ditto Rs 50	Ditto Rs 100	Ditto Rs 500	Ditto Rs 1,000	Ditto Rs 5,000	Ditto Rs 10,000	Exceeding Rs 10,000	Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated in money		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR										Rs	
I—Civil Courts.											
Unpaid Tribunals	136	95	24	78	..	...	...	...	.	18,057	
Village Courts	.	.	.	.	...	...	...	...	..		
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals	16 632	40,230	11,610	6,255		...	...	..	.	31,31,490	
Small Cause Courts	3 764	6 292	1,500	1,109	63	...	...	...	.	4 97,840	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	1 244	3,153	1,749	4,388	947	684	. 47	17	213	88 64,898	
Chief Courts of Districts	..	3	1	10	5	35	30	16	.	6,41,680	
Total	21 776	49 773	14,884	11,840	1 015	719	77	33	213	81,53,966	
II—Revenue Courts											
Unpaid Tribunals	...		..	.	..	..	..	...			
Other Subordinate Courts	.		...	...	.	..	...		..		
Collectors' Courts	.		.		...	...	..	...	..	..	
Total			..	...		...		...	..	.	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT											
Presidency Small Cause Courts	...	...	...	..		...	...	...	...	..	
Superior Courts		..	..	.		...	..	...		.	
Total			..	.		..	...	..	.	.	
Grand Total	21,776	49 773	14 884	11,840	1,015	719	77	33	213	81,53,966	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No 9—(Civil.)

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue cases in the Courts of original jurisdiction in the Central Provinces in the year 1889.

PART I.—CIVIL SUITS.

Class of Courts	Total number of suits before the Courts.	Number of suits disposed of: Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Without trial.	Without contest: Compromised.	Decreed on confession	Decreed *ex parte*	Dismissed *ex-parte*	On reference to arbitration: For plaintiff	For defendant	With contest: Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part	Judgment for defendant	Pending at the close of the year	No of cases pending more than 2 months at the close of the year	Average duration of suits: Contested.	Uncontested.	REMARKS
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR																
I.—CIVIL COURTS.																
Unpaid Tribunals ..	390	...	116	27	58	41	5	...	...	86	28	29	...	45 0	19·2	
Village Courts ..	.	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	..	...	
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals	82 096	...	16,078	7,642	15,512	14,552	791	29	6	15,800	5,054	6,666	64	51 0	35 3	
Small Cause Courts ..	12,523	...	1,693	1,235	3,088	2,976	71	4	1	2,215	551	694	7	29 0	24 1	
District Courts, other than Chief Courts of Districts ..	14,368	...	2,125	714	1,799	1,415	84	22	8	4,339	2,030	1,962	182	79 6	49 1	
Chief Courts of Districts	92	..	9	2	13	...	...	...	...	48	9	10	4	129 2	50·5	
Total	109,469	...	20,021	9,621	20,470	18 985	951	55	15	22,388	7,672	9 361	257	55 1	34·9	
II.—REVENUE COURTS																
Unpaid Local Tribunals ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	
Other Subordinate Courts .	...	...	...	. .	...	...	...	...	.	...	.	...	...	...	..	
District Courts ..	...	.	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...		...	...	..	...	
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT																
Presidency Small Cause Courts ..	...	. .	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Superior Courts ...			...	..	...		...	...	.	. .	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	...		..	...	...	...	...		..	. .	.	...	...	...	...	
GRAND TOTAL ...	109,469	. .	20,021	9,621	20,470	18,985	951	55	15	22,388	7,672	9,361	257	55 1	34·9	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 9—(Civil).

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue cases in the Courts of original jurisdiction in the Central Provinces in the year 1889.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS CASES (JUDICIAL).

Class of Courts	Total number of cases before the Courts	Number of cases disposed of										Pending at the close of the year	No of cases pending more than 3 months at the close of the year	Average duration of cases		Remarks.
		Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Without trial	Without contest				On reference to arbitration		With contest				Contested	Uncontested.	
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession	Decreed *ex parte*	Dismissed *ex-parte*.	For plaintiff	For defendant	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Judgment for defendant					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR																
I.—CIVIL COURTS.																
Unpaid Tribunals ..	18	...	13	...	...	1	.	...	..	3	1	..	...	19 2	9 8	
Village Courts .	.	..	...	...	...	..			...	..	...	.	..			
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals .	6,863	...	1,914	154	678	880	214	12	17	1,642	931	420	.	35 2	26 3	
Small Cause Courts ..	414	...	154	3	28	46	20	...	...	100	33	25		26 5	12 8	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts .	1,812	.	537	25	141	142	75	3	...	399	345	144	.	41 7	27 5	
Chief Courts of Districts ..	153	.	34	.	4	41	14	.	..	21	31	8	...	41 4	17 1	
Total ...	9,260	...	2,652	183	851	1,111	323	16	17	2,165	1,246	597	.	36 3	25 7	
II.—REVENUE COURTS.																
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...		...	.	..		...	..	..	..	.	...	...	
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	..	.	...	..	...		.				...		.	
District Courts		..	...	..	..	.			..			...	..			
Total ..			..	..	...		..		..	.	.	...		..	..	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																
Presidency Small Cause Courts ..	...	...	...	...	..	..	.	..		...	.	..		..	...	
Superior Courts	..		..	..	.		.	..		..	.	.			..	
Total ..			...	...	.				.		.	.	.			
GRAND TOTAL ..	9,260	..	2,652	183	851	1,111	323	16	17	2,165	1,246	597	..	36 3	25 7	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 10—(Civil.)

Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Central Provinces in the year 1889

PART I.—APPEALS.

Class of Courts.	Total number of appeals before the Courts	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Appeals summarily rejected.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted	Heard *ex parte*.				Contested.				Pending	Of those pending more than 3 months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objections under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882
					Confirmed.	Modified	Reversed	Remanded	Confirmed	Modified	Reversed	Remanded				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES																
A.—CIVIL COURTS.																
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of District ...	2,970	...	..	198	397	29	36	22	1,098	336	421	129	304	.	47·5	18
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts ..	3,344	...	...	185	593	14	39	9	1,277	283	522	140	282	17	39·9	17
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province ..	388	...	..	9	5	2	5	1	165	62	46	24	69	14	92·8	9
Total ..	6,702	..	...	392	995	45	80	32	2,540	681	989	293	655	31	46·0	44
B.—REVENUE COURTS.																
Collectors' Appellate Courts ..	...	.	..	...	...	...			..	...	..	...	..	..		..
Commissioners' Appellate Courts ...	1	...	...	1	.	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	78·0	...
Total ..	1	..	...	1	..	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	78·0	..
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																
Chief Court of Province. — Appeals from original decrees ... Civil ..	929	..	...	18	138	2	7	3	212	46	84	43	375	232	129·7	1
Chief Court of Province. — Appeals from Appellate do Revenue ...	...	...	..	..	...	.	...	...	..	...	..	...	..	.	...	...
Total ...	929	...	...	18	138	2	7	3	212	46	84	43	375	232	129·7	
GRAND TOTAL ...	7,632	..	...	411	1,133	47	87	35	2,752	727	1,073	336	1,030	263	53·9	45

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 10—(Civil.)

Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Central Provinces in the year 1889

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS (JUDICIAL.)

Class of Courts.	Total number of appeals before the Courts	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Appeals summarily rejected	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted	Heard *ex parte*				Contested				Pending.	Of those pending more than 3 months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objections under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882.
					Confirmed.	Modified	Reversed	Remanded	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR																
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																
A—CIVIL COURTS.																
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of District ..	2 0	..	21	21	37	4	22	6	48	17	33	22	19	...	34·6	..
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	188	...	16	10	32	.	11	8	40	4	26	18	23	..	30·9	...
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province	63	.	11	4	2	1	2		23	.	12	4	4	.	53 1	..
Total	501		48	35	71	5	35	14	111	21	71	44	46	.	37·0	..
B—REVENUE COURTS																
Collectors' Appellate Courts .	.		...	..	.	..	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	.	.	...
Commissioners' Appellate Courts . .	..	..	...		.	.	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ..	..		..	..		.	..	..	...				..		..	...
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT																
Chief Court of Province { Appeals from original decrees	...	...	...	...			...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...		...
Chief Court of Province { Appeals from appellate do ..	62	...	2	1	8	..	..	1	10	..	7	7	26	13	106·7	...
Total ..	62		2	1	8	...	.	1	10	...	7	7	26	13	106·7	.
GRAND TOTAL ...	563	...	50	36	79	5	35	15	121	21	78	51	72	13	42 1	...

NOTE.—The Revenue appeals in the Commissioners' Courts have been shown under "Revenue Courts."

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 11—(Civil).

Statement showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of the decrees of the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Central Provinces in the year 1889

Class of Courts.	Total number of applications for the execution of decrees before the Courts.	Applications disposed of				Pending at the end of the year.	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year	Amounts realized		Number of applications											
		By transfer.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous.			With the issue of processes.	Without the issue of processes	On which the judgment debtor was imprisoned	On which he was arrested but released without imprisonment.	On which moveable property: Was sold	On which moveable property: Was attached but subsequently released	On which immoveable property: Was sold	On which immoveable property: Was dealt with under Sections 305 322, or 326 Act XIV of 1882	On which immoveable property: Was attached but subsequently released under Section 275	On which possession was given: Of moveables.	On which possession was given: Of immoveables.	On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than as in the preceding columns.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR								Rs	Rs.												
I.—Civil Courts																					
Unpaid Tribunals	101	..	4	18	3	6		1,072	..		3	4	10	2		8		10		..	...
Village Courts			..																		
Paid Sub Divisional Tribunals	59 474	1 99	10 978	10 530	28 815	7 7 8	197	5 55 531	4 716	57	390	3,397	5,202	2,715	536	3,609	181	346	3	..	5
Small Cause Courts	9 146	6 4	1 175	2 237	4,139	941	111	68 749	1 645	1	118	441	497		3		..		..		..
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	11 46	518	3,162	3 803	3 803	1 654	155	5 5,030	10 748	17	37	510	625	540	251	754	62	1,946	1	1	4
Chief Courts of Districts	110		31	26	33	15	5	18 5	687	..	1	1	1	3	3	5	2	19	..		...
Superior Courts									..						..				..		...
Total	80 531	2 70	15 69	17,124	36,822	10,374	468	11 73 009	17,799	93	549	4,367	6 349	3 260	933	4,370	196	2,321	4	1	9
II.—Revenue Courts.																					
Unpaid Local Tribunals		..																		..	..
Other Subordinate Courts														.	..		..	..		..	.
District Courts									—						—		..				..
Total										..							..	..			..
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT																					
Presidency Small Cause Courts	..																		..	..	...
Superior Courts															..						
Total									..		..								..	..	
Grand Total	80,.91	2,570	15,69	15,134	36,82.	10 374	468	11,73,00	17,799	93	549	4,367	6,349	3,260	933	4,370	196	2,321	4	1	9

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 12—(Civil.)

Statement showing the number and result of applications and proceedings under Chapter XX, Act XIV of 1882, in the Central Provinces in the year 1889.

Class of Courts.	Applications for a declaration of Insolvency								Number of insolvents discharged during the year under Section 355	Number of insolvents' estates in the hands of receivers in which proceedings were finally closed during the year	Amount of creditors' claims dealt with during the year		Gross amounts of insolvency assets realized and disbursed.		Remarks.
	Total number of hearings.	Transferred to another Province, withdrawn &c	Granted.		Rejected.			Pending at the close of the year			Admitted	Satisfied	Realized during the year	Disbursed during the year	
			A receiver being appointed.	A receiver not being appointed	Penal proceedings under Section 359 not being taken	Sentence of imprisonment being passed under Section 359.	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with.								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
											Rs.	Rs	Rs	Rs.	
ourts other than Chief Courts of District	99	29	5	14	16	...	...	35	7	7	25,459	3,570	1,016	896	
hief Courts of District ..	13	4	2	2	4	...	..	1	1	2	655	3,860	10,968	10,416	
uperior Courts ..	..	..	...	...	..	..	..	—	...	..	...	..	—	..	
Total ...	112	33	7	16	20		...	36	8	9	26,114	7,430	11,984	11,312	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 13.—(Civil and Criminal).

(Showing use of Juries and Assessors in the Civil and Criminal Courts in the Central Provinces in the year 1889 is blank as a Civil Return.)

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

[Giving Statistics of Civil Suits only, and showing totals for each District.]

STATEMENT

Statement showing the number and description of Suits instituted and re-instituted

Districts.	Suits for money or moveable property.										Suits between landlords and tenants					
	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money had and received	Goods sold	Wages, work and materials	Breach of contract not mentioned above.	Rent not falling under the Rent Law	Moveable property or value thereof	Damages.	Suits for ejectment.	Suits for recovery of possession	Suits for arrears of rent.	Suits for recovery of a penalty for the levy of anything in excess of rent by a landlord.	Suits for recovering penalty from a landlord for refusing a receipt or giving a defective receipt.	All other suits between landlord and tenant not included above
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Nagpur ..	10,057	2,101	697	71	2,256	114	54	139	567	307	164	7	1,072	...	...	.
Chanda .	2,641	625	316	38	179	11	36	5	296	130		23	235	...	...	.
Bhandara ..	4,720	1,250	21	34	26		1	...	20	157	190	52	663	...	..	..
Wardha ..	2,786	587	854	108	49	66	14	37	631	152	19	29	654	...	1	..
Balaghat ...	1,277	749	26	13	70	32	9	35	94	117	32	45	203	..	...	.
Jubbulpore .	2,933	1,036	516	39	679	119	21	67	122	228	12	168	724	..		.
Saugor ..	2,385	1,123	566	14	212	38	45	26	270	71	47	79	418	...	.	1
Damoh ..	1,347	527	420	11	82	10		10	162	100	10	59	393	...	...	.
Seoni ..	1,008	671	19	11	167	26	229	6	87	100	79	129	224	..	...	.
Mandla ..	232	365	67	14	152	37	9	2	46	122	3	7	88		...	2
Hoshangabad ...	3,496	1,200	403	10	91	129	41	46	229	50	25	64	497	..	..	..
Betul .	1,259	362	64	53	105	43	3	4	113	128	6	26	178	..	...	5
Narsinghpur ..	2,378	758	180	2	56	40	6	14	264	54	83	50	1,379	...	1	1
Chhindwara ..	1,656	591	58	30	172	15	6	3	204	108	18	83	270	.	..	
Nimar ..	3,315	631	224	106	663	74	22	90	317	82	4	12	248	..	.	..
Raipur .	1,759	1,705	131	64	414	78	483	32	209	281	175	139	559	...	..	
Sambalpur .	832	703	5	1	256	19	...	8	186	208	15	47	250	..	.	1
Bilaspur ..	1,064	1,076	8	17	359	59	747	51	288	173	46	114	372	...	...	1
Commissioner, Nagpur Division ..	...	...	...	...	.	..	...	.			...	..	...	..		..
Total ... 1889 ..	45,146	16,060	4,575	642	6,597	920	1,727	578	4,125	2,601	938	1,133	8,427	...	2	11
Total ... 1888 ..	48,665	18,633	4,625	677	7,560	1,030	2,538	807	4,660	2,810	961	1,315	8,805	1	3	25

STATEMENT No II—Exhibition of

Rs.																
Not exceeding 10	4,413	6,282	807	141	3,605	417	519	241	1,245	669	172	425	2,104	...	..	1
Ditto 50	25,229	7,536	2,092	256	2,425	378	955	252	1,940	1,116	405	532	4,550	...	1	2
Ditto 100	8,828	1,231	762	92	341	69	128	50	473	899	173	89	1,109		...	1
Ditto 500	6,008	834	740	130	203	42	99	30	411	347	171	79	644		1	7
Ditto 1,000	399	86	99	11	14	4	17	4	36	51	15	5	19	...	..	
Ditto 5,000	245	84	66	10	7	9	8	1	18	15	1	3	1	.	...	
Ditto 10,000	18	7	6	2	2	...	1	...	...	2	1	.	...	...	...	..
Exceeding 10,000	6	...	3	..	...	1	...	...	2	2		..	...		...	
Number of suits the value of which can not be estimated .	...	...	...	..	...		...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...		.
Total ... 1889 ..	45,146	16,060	4,575	642	6,597	920	1,727	578	4,125	2,601	938	1,133	8,427	...	2	11
Total ... 1888 ..	48,665	18,633	4,625	677	7,560	1,030	2,538	807	4,660	2,810	961	1,315	8,805	1	3	25

No. I.—(Civil.)

in the Civil Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1889.

Title and other Suits.																					Remarks.								
Suits for immoveable property.	Suits for declaratory decrees.	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights	Suits for account.	Suits relating to religious endowments.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts or obligation on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.	Administration suits.	Interpleader suits.	Dissolution of partnership.	Suits under Section 261, Act X of 1865, (also Hindu Wills Act.)	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Total.			Number of suits instituted in different Courts.								Total value of suits as computed under the Court Fees Act.
																					Small Cause Courts.	Naib Tahsildars' Courts.	Tahsildars' Courts.	Honorary Munsiffs' Courts.	Honorary Extra-Assistant Commissioners' Courts	Assistant Commissioner's Courts.	Deputy Commissioner's Courts.	Commissioners' Courts.	
																					No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Rs.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36			37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45
585	87	33	76	1	5	..	1	...	6	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	18,501											
147	2	38	11	4	3	...	2	1	16	..	...	.	...	...	...	...	..	4,756											
132	10	43	97	3	6	...	4	..	6	...	..	...	.	1	..	..	...	7,436											
286	56	29	175	7	3	...	...	1	2	3	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	6,998											
73	3	1	26	3	...	...	2	.	16	2	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	2,831											
249	19	1	186	1	3	...	6	2	15	...	...	.	.	...	...	..	...	7,149											
174	15	19	68	...	3	.	1	...	..	1	...	..	..	...	...	..	5	5,609											
223	12	4	113	..	...	.	5	...	4	1	...	..	.	...	...	...	...	3,513											
114	20	...	13	...	..	...	...	...	14	.	.	...	..	.	.	..	1	2,918											
27	2	2	10	3	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	.	.	.		1	1,206											
396	60	4	38	...	2	...	15	...	7	.	...	...	.	...	...	...	..	6,813											
172	...	6	60	...	...	...	2	...	16	...	...	.	.	...	...	..	4	2,809											
164	27	...	392	..	5	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	5,861											
243	24	1	204	...	1	..	2	...	22	...	.	..	...	...	...	..	1	3,718											
232	27	12	221	...	2	...	4	1	36	...	.	...	.	...	..	..	3	6,326											
247	6	...	101	1	5	...	5	2	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6,406											
332	26	54	37	1	.	...	12	...	15	2	...	...	.	.	...	..	2	3,023											
194	5	3	21	...	1	...	1	..	..		...	.	...	...	...	.	6	4,656											
...	...	..	...	..	...	..	...	1	...	...	...	.	...		..	..	6	7											
3,990	371	247	1,869	24	39	..	62	8	191	16	..	...	...	..	1	..	30	1,00,330											
4,702	421	290	1,466	36	37	4	77	6	241	18	.			...	6	..	60	1,10,479											

Above Grand Total in detail of values.

654	3	59	18	1	...	..	...	...	...	...	.	..	.	..	...	...	...	21,776	3,337	11,601	5,366	135	1	1,244	..	...	1,34,675
1,511	19	98	456	...	1	..	13	.	..	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	5	49,773	5,825	21,842	18,855	67	28	3,158	1	2	13,17,975
688	7	24	396	2	2	...	7	1	8	1	.	...	...	...	.	...	2	14,884	1,500	111	11,499	...	24	1,748	1	..	10,76,107
925	140	49	706	8	22	...	36	5	180	2	..	.	.	..	1	...	11	11,810	1,109	...	6,255	..	78	4,388	7	3	23,20,560
97	8	2	135	2	2	..	1	...	1	5	...	.	...	...	.	...	2	1,015	63	...	...	...	..	947	4	1	7,79,460
97	5	2	127	5	6	...	3	...	..	4	...	..	.	.	.	..	2	719	...	...	...	...	..	684	34	1	5,92,123
11	1	...	21	...	3	..	...	...	...	1	.	...	..	..	.	..	..	76	...	...	...	...	..	46	30	...	6,45,272
2	1	...	7	..	3	.	...	...	...	2	..	..	..	.	..	..	..	34	...	...	...	...	..	17	16	...	2,87,794
...	178	13	3	6		..	2	2	2	..	...	...	...	...	.	...	7	213	...	...	...	...	...	213	...	..	...
3,990	371	247	1,869	24	39	...	62	8	191	16	...	...	.	..	1	...	30	1,00,330	11,834	33,644	41,977	202	131	12,342	93	7	81,53,966
4,702	421	290	1,466	36	37	4	77	6	241	18	...	...	...	...	6	...	60	1,10,479	14,120	33,552	49,141	..	42	13,610	104		79,91,259

Statement showing the result of the trial of Original Suits

Districts	For disposal.					Disposed			
	Remaining at close of previous year	Re-instituted during the year (Sections 99, 108, 562, 623, Act XIV of 1882)	Received by transfer from other Provinces during the year.	Instituted during the year (Section 58, Act XIV of 1882)	Total	Transferred to other Provinces	Plaint rejected or returned after institution	Dismissed for default, Section 98, Act XIV of 1882	
								Number	Percentage of total disposed of
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Nagpur ..	1,305	498		18,003	19,806	..	224	2,281	12 4
Chanda ..	409	201	...	4,555	5,165		31	918	20 0
Bhandara .	829	371	...	7,065	8,265	...	33	1,528	20 9
Wardha	920	299	..	6,699	7,918	...	47	1,420	20 4
Balaghat .	245	63	...	2,768	3,076	...	23	570	20 3
Jubbulpore ...	631	134	...	7,015	7,780	...	83	1,216	17 1
Saugor ..	605	124	...	5,485	6,214	...	20	1,021	18 3
Damoh .	209	100	...	3,413	3,722	...	12	385	10 9
Seoni ...	156	50		2,868	3,074	...	8	464	16 3
Mandla ..	190	23	...	1,177	1,390	...	5	281	21 3
Hoshangabad ...	525	143	..	6,670	7,338	...	40	1,203	17 5
Betul ...	196	56	..	2,553	2,805	...	17	499	18 7
Narsinghpur ...	666	248	...	5,613	6,527	...	28	970	16 5
Chhindwara ...	307	74	...	3,644	4,025	...	34	886	24 2
Nimar ...	493	114	...	6,212	6,819	...	38	1,691	26 2
Raipur ..	731	170	...	6,266	7,137	...	62	1,343	20 8
Sambalpur .	359	106	...	2,917	3,382	...	16	609	20 4
Bilaspur ...	356	112	...	4,544	5,012	...	58	1,024	22 6
Commissioner, Nagpur Division	7	...	...	7	14	...	...	1	7 7
Total 1889	9,139	2,886	...	97,444	1,09,469	...	784	18,343	18 3
Total 1888 .	10,385	2,862	...	1,07,129	1,20,376	...	835	20,641	18 6

MENT No III.

in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1889.

of

Withdrawn with leave (Section 373, Act XIV of 1882)	Compromised.		Decreed on confession (in full of claim.)		Decreed *ex-parte*.				
						Dismissed *ex-parte*		Total	
	Number.	Percentage of total disposed of.	Number.	Percentage of total disposed of.	Decreed	Number.	Percentge of total *ex-parte*	Number	Percentage of total disposed of.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
259	1,888	10 3	4,007	21 8	4,836	144	2 9	4,980	27·0
101	400	8 5	876	18 5	1,116	92	7 6	1,208	25·6
51	489	6 7	1,768	24·2	2,015	28	1·3	2,043	28·0
49	666	9 6	1,142	16 4	1,199	35	2·8	1,234	17·7
41	165	5 9	542	19 3	563	18	3·1	581	20·7
54	764	10 7	1,676	23 5	926	71	7·1	997	14·0
16	675	12 1	1,126	20·1	817	93	10 2	910	16 3
7	518	14 5	812	22·7	575	15	2 5	590	16·5
35	300	10 5	559	19 6	330	25	7·0	355	12·5
30	232	17·6	200	15 2	182	14	7·1	196	14 9
41	615	8 9	1,325	19·3	1,326	54	3 9	1,380	20 1
15	261	9·8	542	20 3	355	30	7 8	385	14·5
22	431	7·3	1,101	18·7	1,087	44	3 9	1,131	19 2
1	375	10 2	750	20 5	534	26	4·6	560	15·3
24	487	7 5	1,333	20 6	1,263	43	3·3	1,306	20·2
72	643	9 9	1,279	19·8	1,040	128	10·9	1,168	18 1
24	279	9 3	535	17 9	277	8	2 8	285	9 5
52	433	9 5	897	19 8	544	83	13·2	627	13 8
..	.	.	..	..		.		.	...
894	9,621	9 6	20,470	20 4	18,985	951	4 8	19,936	19·9
1,017	11,168	10 0	23,173	20 8	20,300	1,154	5·3	21,454	19·3

STATEMENT

Districts	Disposal of—contd									Pending.	
	Contested and disposed of by										
	Judgment for plaintiff				Judgment for defendant		Total				
	In whole of claim.		In part of claim.								
	Number	Percentage of total contested	Number	Percentage of total contested	Number.	Percentage of total contested.	Number.	Percentage of total disposed of	Total	Total.	Over four months
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Nagpur ...	2,240	47·2	1,503	31 7	1,001	21 1	4,744	25 8	18,383	1,423	42
Chanda ...	548	47 1	312	26 9	302	26 0	1,162	24 6	4,726	439	7
Bhandara ...	720	52 3	346	25 1	312	22 6	1,378	18 9	7,290	975	7
Wardha ...	1,078	45 0	847	35 3	472	19 7	2,397	34 4	6,955	963	82
Balaghat .	390	44 3	259	29 4	232	26 3	881	31·4	2,803	273	..
Jubbulpore ...	1,002	43 1	662	28 4	664	28 5	2,328	32 7	7,118	662	47
Saugor ...	849	46 6	513	28 2	460	25·2	1,822	32·3	5,590	624	21
Damoh ...	588	47 2	422	33 9	236	18 9	1,246	34 9	3,573	149	...
Seoni ...	471	41 9	313	27 9	340	30 2	1,124	39·5	2,845	229	...
Mandla ..	143	38 5	89	24 0	139	37·5	371	28 2	1,315	75	...
Hoshangabad ...	1,114	49·5	666	29 6	471	20 9	2,251	32 8	6,860	478	16
Betul ...	398	42 2	212	22 5	333	35 3	943	35 4	2,662	143	.
Narsinghpur ...	1,200	54 3	529	24 0	480	21·7	2,209	37·5	5,892	635	3
Chhindwara ...	524	49 7	217	20 6	313	29 7	1,054	28·8	3,660	365	...
Nimar ...	826	52 2	365	23 1	390	24 7	1,581	24 5	6,460	359	9
Raipur .	820	43 6	429	22 8	632	33·6	1,881	29 2	6,448	689	12
Sambalpur ..	471	37 9	363	29 3	407	32 8	1,241	41 5	2,989	393	2
Bilaspur	539	37 6	409	28 5	487	33·9	1,435	31 7	4,526	486	8
Commr., Nagpur Dn ...	7	58 4	4	33·3	1	8 3	12	92 3	13	1	1
Total ... 1889...	13,928	46·3	8,460	28 2	7,672	25·5	30,060	30 0	1,00,108	9,361	257
Total ... 1888 ..	14,839	45 0	9,376	28 4	8,733	26·5	32,948	29 6	1,11,236	9,140	240

No III —(Contd.)

Average				Number of suits disposed of									
Durations of suits in days and tenths		Number of hearings in suits disposed of		Instituted in *forma pauperis* (Section 410, Act XIV of 1882).	In which commission issued for local investigation (Section 392, Act XIV of 1882)	In which commission issued to investigate or adjust accounts (Section 394, Act XIV of 1882).	In which commission issued to make a partition (Section 396, Act XIV of 1882).	In which reference was made to arbitrators		In which any matter was decided on oath of party or witness	Cases in which the Court has directed that the costs or any part of the costs of a winning Plaintiff shall not follow the event (Section 220, para 2, Act XIV of 1882)	In which payment by instalments was decreed (Section 210, Act XIV of 1882)	Remarks.
Contested	Uncontested	Contested	Uncontested					Found for plaintiff	Found for defendant				
32	33	34		35	36	37	38	39		40	41	42	43
43 3	30 1	5 1	2 3		44	12	...	4	..	76	41	163	
55·7	37 0	3 7	2 2	4	12	1				14	2	147	
72 5	48 5	3 9	2 2		17	4		1		24	49	354	
71 0	54 6	3 5	2 4	4	39	3		2		50	12	142	
51 7	35 3	3 3	1 7		15		...			10	2	166	
50 7	31·9	2 8	1 6	2	16	4		9	3	14	28	100	
76·3	45·5	3·5	1 8	3	25	3	..	8	3	11	115	139	
41 3	26 0	3 2	1·9	..	8	1		1		..	2	120	
50 7	31 8	2 7	1 8	2	3			2	...	16	5	79	
62 3	39 9	4 2	2·3	1	7			3		6	5	5	
58 8	35 9	3 1	1 7		20	11		5	.	14	4	154	
45 2	27 9	3 4	2·2	..	26	...	...	1	1	3	27	87	
55 4	33 3	3 0	1·7		17	6		2	1	42	17	221	
44 5	28 0	2 8	1 6	2	39	2		1		2	16	57	
50·9	29·4	3 6	1·8	..	3	1		4	.	47	16	155	
56·7	32 8	3 2	1·7		39	2		3		17	7	123	
66 5	36 9	3 5	1 9	15	27	2	...	7	6	13	5	92	
46 1	27 9	3 4	1 7	...	53	3	...	2	1	13	2	55	
197 6	291 0	4 7	6 0		4	...	.		.	...		..	
55 1	34 9	3 6	2 0	33	414	55		55	15	372	355	2,359	
53 5	34 2	3 1	1 7	29	710	76	3	68	14	326	394	2,369	

STATEMENT No. IV

Statement showing the General Result of the trial of Civil Cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Districts of the Central Provinces, during the year 1889.

PART II.—Miscellaneous Cases (Judicial).

Districts	Total number of cases before the Courts.	Number of cases disposed of.										Pending at the close of the year	Number of cases pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Average duration of cases.		Remarks.
		Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Without trial.	Without contest.				On reference to arbitration		With contest.						
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex-parte*.	Dismissed *ex-parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.			Contested.	Uncontested.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Nagpur ...	1,231	...	218	30	191	210	81	2	6	323	149	21	...	35·7	25·0	
Chanda ...	774	...	169	9	125	91	34	.	...	167	89	90	...	45·5	23·4	
Bhandara ...	1,029	...	244	15	115	346	44	...	...	110	67	88	...	46·0	27·0	
Wardha ..	1,117	..	229	26	97	93	33	...	...	310	188	141	...	48·2	31·6	
Balaghat ..	252	...	129	..	29	7	3	...	...	37	20	27		26·8	24·4	
Jubbulpore ..	415	..	143	8	23	48	10	...	...	93	75	15	...	31·3	27·7	
Saugor ..	524	..	278	7	33	39	7	2	...	101	30	27	...	47·6	30·7	
Damoh ...	255	...	53	7	4	1	5	..	..	104	64	17	...	27 6	25 1	
Seoni ...	218	...	96	3	13	12	..	..	...	53	22	19	...	38·7	23·0	
Mandla ...	55		27	2	3	5	2	...	...	9	7	...	...	40·5	38·9	
Hoshangabad ...	579	...	182	26	13	5	7	..	...	207	131	8	...	24·0	27·0	
Betul ...	285	...	75	12	24	47	7	...	1	61	44	14	..	33·4	27·3	
Narsinghpur .	764	...	143	12	40	89	33	6	5	205	167	64	...	34·4	8·3	
Chhindwara ...	300	.	101	3	33	19	5	...	.	73	44	22	...	34·7	18·9	
Nimar ...	668	..	174	10	27	45	23	...	2	190	148	44	...	30 2	23·4	
Raipur ...	302	..	153	8	13	7	4	3	3	52	59	...	...	39·3	27·8	
Sambalpur ..	243	...	95	4	40	27	17	3	...	33	24	...	...	40·3	31 6	
Bilaspur ...	254	.	143	...	28	20	8	...	...	37	18	...	...	40·8	16·5	
Total ... 1889..	9,260	...	2,652	182	851	1,111	323	16	17	2,165	1,348	597	...	36·3	25·7	
Total ... 1888 ..	9,421	...	2,899	205	913	1,022	344	22	12	2,460	1,345	699	..	34·7	24·4	

STATEMENT No. V.

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Central Provinces during the year 1889.

PART I —Appeals from Decrees

Courts	For disposal.				Disposed of.												Pending		Number of cases in which objections under Section 61, Act XIV of 1882, were		Average duration of each appeal tried.
							Heard *ex-parte*.					Contested.									
							Confirmed.			Reversed.				Reversed.							
	Remaining at close of previous year	Received by transfer from other Provinces.	Instituted or re-admitted.	Total (column 17 plus 18)	Transferred to other Provinces	Dismissed for default, or under Sections 556, 557, Act XIV of 1882	Without notice to Respondent	After notice to Respondent	Modified	Without remand under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882	And remanded under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	Confirmed	Modified	Without remand under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	And remanded under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882	Total.	Total	Over three months.	Preferred.	Allowed (because successfully maintained)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Judicial Commissioner's Court ..	238	..	691	929	..	18	131	7	2	7	3	213	46	84	43	554	375	232	1	..	139 7
Commissioner, Nagpur Division	26	...	64	90	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	31	23	11	3	68	22	7	..	...	126 4
Do. Jubbulpore „ .	25	...	66	91	.	2	3	...	...	2	...	39	13	11	5	75	16	3	...	...	94 3
Do. Nerbudda „ ..	25	...	115	140		6	.	2	2	3	1	63	19	14	12	122	18	4	8	...	75 8
Do. Chhattisgarh „ .	12	...	55	67	..	1	...		...	..		32	7	10	4	54	13	...	1	..	86 6
Total in Courts of Commissioners..	88	.	300	388	..	9	3	2	2	5	1	165	62	46	24	319	69	14	9	...	92·8

STATEMENT No. V.

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1889

PART II —Appeals from Decrees

Districts.	For disposal				Disposed of.												Pending.		Number of cases in which objections under Section 61, Act XIV of 1882 were,		Average duration of each appeal tried.	Remarks.
							Heard *ex-parte*.					Contested.										
							Confirmed.			Reversed				Reversed.								
	Remaining at close of previous year.	Received by transfer from other Provinces.	Instituted or re-admitted.	Total Col. 17 plus 18	Transferred to other Provinces	Dismissed for default, or under Sections 556, 557, Act XIV of 1882.	Without notice to Respondent.	After notice to Respondent	Modified.	Without remand under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882	And remanded under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882	Confirmed.	Modified.	Without remand under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882	And remanded under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882	Total.	Total.	Over three months	Preferred	Allowed (because successfully maintained)		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Nagpur ..	35	...	450	485	...	31	2	6	2	11	15	219	56	47	16	405	80	...	...	..	46 3	
Chanda ..	36	...	230	266	...	11	47	3	5	3	1	98	31	35	3	237	29	1	4	2	43 3	
Bhandara ..	33	.	281	314	.	19	26	1		...	..	138	39	55	10	288	26	..		1	53 3	
Wardha ..	42	...	475	517	..	14	120	9	7	5	...	112	97	82	12	458	59	14	13	3	44·9	
Balaghat ..	15	...	145	160	..	9	57	1	1	...	1	42	6	21	7	145	15	..	..	.	35 4	
Jubbulpore ..	45	..	290	338	..	23	15	14	5	4	3	140	21	65	27	317	21	2	2	1	48·1	
Saugor ..	49	..	285	334	..	26	43	2	.	2	3	107	44	74	14	315	19	.	...	...	73 8	
Damoh ..	14	..	250	264	.	9	21	6	..	3	...	127	29	54	2	251	13	.	...	..	25·5	
Seoni ..	45	..	223	268	...	13	28	1	2	3	..	140	26	32	5	250	18	...	...	...	39·0	
Mandla ..	4	..	75	79	...	9	28	.	.	...	...	9	...	23	3	72	7	..		...	35·8	
Hoshangabad ...	83	...	576	659	..	31	30	1	4	2	1	316	54	78	56	573	86	...	...	...	47·0	
Betul ..	23	...	265	288	..	14	75	7	2	4	...	102	22	46	2	274	14	...	...	...	21 5	
Narsinghpur ...	104	..	551	655		40	12	18	7	13	3	302	67	99	26	587	68	...	5	2	54·2	
Chhindwara ..	14	...	269	283	..	8	103	1		3	...	72	25	24	6	242	41	.	...	...	33 9	
Nimar ...	22	..	321	343	..	17	99	...	1	6	1	87	20	56	33	320	23	...	...	...	32 8	
Raipur ..	82	...	435	517	..	52	132	23	6	9	3	150	25	64	13	477	40	...	...	...	44·4	
Sambalpur ...	31	..	223	254	...	30	38	4	...	2		115	17	25	13	244	10	..	...	...	31·9	
Bilaspur ..	29	.	261	290	...	27	8	9	1	5	...	99	40	63	21	273	17	...	1	...	38·7	
Total for 1889 { Districts ...	709	...	5,605	6,314	...	383	884	106	43	75	31	2,375	619	943	269	5,728	586	17	25	10	43·4	
Total for 1889 { All Courts.	1,035	..	6,596	7,631	...	410	1,018	115	47	87	35	2,753	727	1,073	336	6,601	1,030	283	35	10	53 9	
Total for 1888 { Districts ...	836	..	6,281	7,117	...	469	722	141	34	60	22	2,780	716	1,121	344	6,409	708	23	37	13	46·4	
Total for 1888 { All Courts.	1,160	...	7,300	8,460	...	496	978	166	34	67	25	3,173	804	1,279	404	7,426	1,034	90	55	16	56·1	

STATEMENT No. VI.

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Central Provinces during the year 1889

PART I.—Miscellaneous Appeals (Judicial.)

Courts.	Total number of appeals before the Court	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces	Appeals summarily rejected	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard *ex-parte*				Contested.				Pending.	Of these pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objection under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882.	Remarks.
					Confirmed	Modified.	Reversed	Remanded	Confirmed	Modified	Reversed	Remanded					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Judicial Commissioner's Court ..	62	.	2	1	8			1	10		7	7	26	13	106·7	...	
Commissioner, Nagpur Division	6	.	..	2	.		.	.	3		..	1	..	...	78·3	..	
Do Jubbulpore „ .	12	.	..	1	2		1	...	6	.	2	...	...	...	81·2	.	
Do Nerbudda „ ..	29	...	..	1	..		..		12	...	9	3	4	.	72·0	..	
Do Chhattisgarh „ ...	16	...	11	..	...	1	1	..	2	...	1		..	.	29·8	...	
Total in Courts of Commissioners ..	63	...	11	4	2	1	2	..	23	...	12	4	4	.	63·1	...	

STATEMENT No. VI.

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1889.

Part. II—Miscellaneous Appeals (Judicial.)

Districts.	Total number of appeals before the Courts.	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces	Appeals summarily rejected.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard *ex-parte*.				Contested.				Pending.	Of these pending more than three months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objection under Section 561, Act XIV, of 1882.	Remarks.
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Nagpur ...	53	...	2	9	4	..	...	...	17	..	9	9	3	...	32·0	...	
Chanda ...	15	...	1	...	4	...	6	1	1	...	1	..	1	...	17·6	...	
Bhandara ...	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	10	1	3	2	3	...	35·3	...	
Wardha ...	39	..	5	5	14	2	1	..	4	1	...	4	3	...	33·9	...	
Balaghat ...	12	...	..	...	4	...	..	.		1	3	1	3	...	27·4	...	
Jubbulpore ...	18	...	...	4	3	2	1	1	3	...	3	1	...	...	39·7	...	
Saugor ...	5	...	...	1	...	..	1	...	1	...	2	...	..	...	54·0	...	
Damoh ...	5	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	26·4	...	
Seoni ...	8	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	32·4	...	
Mandla ...	6	...	4	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	14·3	...	
Hoshangabad ...	57	...	7	3	2	...	2	1	15	...	6	10	11	..	37·6	...	
Betul ...	15	..	...	...	11	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	1	...	9·4	...	
Narsinghpur ...	79	...	1	3	3	...	12	2	15	13	20	4	6	...	47·5	..	
Chhindwara ...	10	...	1	1	3	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	3	...	11·1	...	
Nimar ...	25	...	5	1	4	...	5	1	3	...	2	1	3	...	28·6	...	
Raipur ...	38	...	7	2	12	..	4	3	3	...	3	4	...	...	31·6	...	
Sambalpur ...	17	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	3	3	5	1	2	...	20·3	...	
Bilaspur ...	17	...	...	..	4	...	...	3	4	2	...	2	2	...	17·4	..	
Total for 1889... Districts ...	438	...	37	31	69	4	33	14	88	2[illegible]	59	40	42	..	33·1	...	
Total for 1889... All Courts ..	563	..	50	36	79	5	35	15	121	21	78	51	72	13	42·1	...	
Total for 1888... Districts ...	427	...	42	34	57	3	1[illegible]	7	116	10	86	34	20	...	36·9	...	
Total for 1888... All Courts ..	537	.	42	37	83	4	21	9	145	12	[illegible]00	38	46	9	47·9	...	

STATEMENT No. VII.

Statement showing the results of proceedings on applications for execution of the decrees of the Civil Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces, during the year 1889.

Districts.	Total number of applications for the execution of decrees before the Courts.	Applications disposed of. By transfer. To Civil Courts.	To Collectors.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous.	Pending at the end of the year.	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year.	Amount realized. With the issue of process.	Without the issue of process.	Number of applications. On which the judgment debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested, but released without imprisonment.	On which moveable property. Was sold.	Was attached but subsequently released.	On which immoveable property. Was sold.	Was dealt with under Section 306, Act XIV of 1882.	Section 320, Act XIV of 1882.	Was attached, but subsequently released under Section 275.	On which possession was given. Of moveables.	Of immoveables.	On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than as in the preceding columns.	Remarks.
1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		17	18	19	20	21	22	23
									Rs.	Rs.														
Nagpur ...	17,835	859	96	2,992	3,352	8,689	1,847	160	1,67,213	358	23	90	605	505	665	..	96	561	41	241	..	...	...	
Chanda ..	4,029	53	54	739	756	1,858	569	15	21,157	1,581	1	14	372	400	231		54	317	2	57	..	...	...	
Bhandara ...	6,167	158	77	1,089	866	2,989	988	15	62,342	1,100	1	7	326	528	241	..	77	362	3	213	...	..	...	
Wardha ..	7,376	174	127	1,246	882	3,887	1,060	110	82,359	1,470	4	44	218	262	293	..	127	549	5	141	..	...	..	
Balaghat ..	2,270	67	44	491	333	1,076	259	5	24,467	1,103	...	4	135	251	91	..	34	93	6	46	...	...		2
Jubbulpore ...	4,612	61	73	1,058	1,076	1,840	504	38	77,719	2,813	4	60	319	464	105	..	75	129	2	171	1	...		1
Saugor ...	3,620	77	65	725	860	1,456	437	26	1,19,705	.	9	29	215	382	206	..	65	182	105	91	2	..	...	
Damoh ...	1,904	50	53	567	530	546	158	2	39,917	280	...	13	156	222	81	..	53	57	...	137	..	...	...	
Seoni ...	1,841	...	14	476	459	643	249	9	36,539	448	4	30	176	199	60	..	..	89	2	98	...	...	...	
Mandla ...	498	8	11	144	116	168	51	3	4,661	2121	..	3	39	54	21	..	11	45	8	7	...	...		3
Hoshangabad ..	6,127	53	148	1,149	1,435	2,642	700	32	1,72,969	3,162	1	23	373	967	277	...	148	464	3	239	..	..	...	
Betul ..	1,838	3	23	392	340	846	234	2	31,135	203	5	24	140	226	96	..	23	228	3	75	..	..	...	
Narsinghpur ..	5,641	3	72	857	1,256	2,600	853	33	93,030	2,125	14	25	310	549	349	3	72	507	2	218	..	..	...	
Chhindwara ..	3,106	3	34	588	694	1,341	446	6	47,373	108	3	17	218	250	158	..	34	204	5	127	...	...	...	
Nimar ...	5,527	29	40	1,087	855	3,019	497	9	79,365	226	4	50	155	339	198	...	40	332	2	68	1	...	...	
Raipur ...	4,122	1	16	914	650	1,699	842	...	54,037	..	15	33	301	271	106	..	8	138	...	175	..	...	...	
Sambalpur ...	1,668	...	8	431	292	680	257	2	19,173	376	2	11	129	284	35	..	8	73	2	120	...	1	...	
Bilaspur ...	2,410	...	16	746	382	843	423	1	40,748	325	3	72	200	206	47	5	...	35	...	97	..	..		3
Total ... 1889...	80,591	1,599	971	15,691	15,134	36,822	10,374	468	11,73,009	17,799	93	549	4,367	6,349	3,260	8	925	4,370	196	2,321	4	1		9
Total ... 1888...	84,238	2,220	1,000	17,368	16,196	37,876	9,578	553	11,75,016	26,076	351	1,664	4,713	6,822	3,535	50	890	4,857	88	2,211	5	..		4

Statement showing (1) the fees levied for, and (2) the charges incurred in, the service and during the

Districts	(1) Fees levied — In separate detail for each Court									
	On processes directed to be served by European bailiff (Special Rule I)		On other processes issued				For assisting in distraint (Special Rule III)	Additional Fees		Grand total of fees levied (Columns 2 to 10)
	At Rs 2 rate	At Re 1 rate	At Re 1 rate	At As 12 rate	At As 8 rate	At As 4 rate		Under Special Rule IV	Under Special Rule V	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs a	Rs a	Rs a	Rs a	Rs a	Rs a	Rs a
Nagpur	6	1	15,596	709 4	186 0	23,908 4	..	1,520 8	125 4	42,112 4
Chanda		.	3,594	755 4	20 0	5,830 12	508 12	292 8	..	11,001 4
Bhandara			5,426	984 12	15 8	8,574 4		522 12	..	15,523 4
Wardha			5,545	886 12	49 0	10 361 0	1,373 0	251 4	...	18,466 0
Balaghat ..		.	1,820	326 4	8 8	3,176 12		.	321 12	5,653 4
Jubbulpore .	4	396	3,729	619 8	45 8	8,108 0	.	992 4	152 3	14,040 7
Saugor .	...		3,912	267 0	141 0	6 501 8		556 8	11 0	11,389 0
Damoh ..	...	...	1,864	351 12	11 8	3,269 8	..	113 0		5,609 12
Seoni	...		1,592	310 8		2,942 4				4 844 12
Mandla		...	524	92 4	1 0	1,018 4	10 12	14 8		1 660 12
Hoshangabad	.	.	6,253	1,499 4	125 0	8,569 0	..	261 8	59 8	16,767 4
Betul	.	...	2,122	457 4	18 0	3,046 0	.	74 0		5,717 4
Narsinghpur .	..		4,745	1,307 0	33 0	7,164 4	5 7	73 3	0 3	13,328 1
Chhindwara ..	..	...	2,793	564 12	34 8	4,302 8	..	63 0	..	7,847 12
Nimar	..		3,719	570 12	14 0	6,228 8	..	231 8		10,763 12
Raipur	...	..	3,730	667 0	42 0	5,795 4	.	..		10,234 4
Sambalpur .	...	.	1,802	27 12	31 0	2 692 0	.	5 8	...	4,558 4
Bilaspur ..		..	2,339	285 8	34 0	3,873 12		48 4	..	6,580 8
Commr, Chhattisgarh Dn	...	...	...		..	33 0	.			33 0
Commr, Nerbudda Dn	...	...			.	76 8	.	.	..	76 8
Total .	10	397	71,099	10,742 8	809 8	1,15,561 4	1,897 15	5,020 3	669 14	2,06,207 4

No. VIII.

execution of processes issued out of the Civil Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces year 1889.

(2) Charges. In separate details for each Court or set of Courts having a joint establishment									Collectively for the District.			(1) Number of processes re-issued without charges (Special Rule VI.)
Naib Nazirs.			Peons.						Contingencies			
			1st Class at Rs 10		2nd Class at Rs. 8		3rd Class at Rs. 6					
Class and period for which employed	Total salary	Salary of European bailiff	Number on last day	Total salary	Number on last day	Total salary	Number on last day	Total salary	Heads of charges	Charges under each head	Grand total of all charges (columns 13, 14, 16, 18, 20 and 22.)	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Rs	Rs.	No.	Rs	No.	Rs	No.	Rs		Rs	Rs.	
19	3,022	705	13	1,480	12	1,249	100	10,033	Process forms, registers, other stationery, official postage, furniture, &c., &c., &c	698	17,187	381
6	1,204	...	1	120	4	387	30	2,604		88	4,398	35
7	1,314	...	3	360	5	480	29	3,084		215	5,453	121
8	1,548	...	3	349	4	380	45	3,991		408	6,676	384
2	425	...	1	120	2	177	19	1,405		313	2,440	81
4	770	720	5	594	4	376	34	3,363		483	6,306	145
7	1,433	...	3	357	4	367	37	3,363		247	5,767	334
4	767	...	4	457	1	96	20	1,909		7	3,236	17
2	360	...	3	352	1	92	18	1,233			2,037	86
1	180	..	1	117	...	...	13	910		32	1,239	198
9	2,027	...	8	916	4	325	40	3,290		175	6,733	1,272
2	381	...	4	249	2	182	20	1,211		149	2,172	45
5	1,079	...	4	480	6	550	38	2,479		187	4,775	271
4	803	...	4	457	2	187	20	1,701		27	3,175	73
2	480	...	6	719	1	90	23	2,175		40	3,504	18
5	776	..	2	238	3	277	39	2,690		..	3,978	518
2	406	..	2	239	2	186	17	1,366		...	2,196	769
4	538	...	2	240	2	186	26	2,336		160	3,460	397
...	...	...	...	.		...	...	..		.	...	
...	..	...	..		..	.	...				...	
93	17,513	1,425	69	7,840	59	5,587	568	49,143	...	3,224	84,732	5,145

STATEMENT No. IX.

Proceedings in Insolvency under Chapter XX, Act XIV of 1882, in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1889.

Part I.—Showing the number and result of applications under Section 344, and the number of insolvents before the Court.

Districts.	Applications for a declaration of insolvency.														Persons declared to be insolvents									Remarks.
	Number of applications dealt with.						Applications disposed of.									Number of insolvents before the Court.				Disposed of.				
		Filed during the year.							Granted.		Rejected.											Discharged.		
		By judgment debtors.																						
	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Under arrest or imprisonment.	Not under arrest or imprisonment.	By decree-holders.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Withdrawn or otherwise not prosecuted.	A receiver being appointed.	A receiver not being appointed.	Penal proceedings under Section 359 not being taken.	Sentence of imprisonment being passed under Section 359.	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with.	Total.	Pending at the close of the year.	Remaining at the close of the previous year.	Declared to be insolvents during the year.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Died.	Under Section 351.	Under Section 355.	Remaining at the close of the year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Nagpur ...	16	22	11	...	...	49	...	16	...	6	6	...	..	28	21	2	6	...	8	...	..	6	...	2	
Chanda ...	..	..	1	...	...	1	...	..	...	..	1	...	..	1	...	...	..	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	
Bhandara ...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	..	..	..	..	...	..	...	...	..	..	..	...	..	..	
Wardha ..	...	4	...	..	...	4	...	...	...	...	2	...	..	2	2	...	2	...	2	..	..	2	...	...	
Balaghat ...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Jubbulpore ...	1	7	3	...	...	11	...	3	...	...	...	..	...	3	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Saugor ..	...	1	2	...	..	3	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	...	1	..	..	1	...	...	
Damoh ...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	..	1	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	..	
Seoni ...	...	2	1	...	...	3	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	...	1	..	...	1	...	...	
Mandla ...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	
Hoshangabad ...	..	1	...	...	...	1	...	..	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Betul ...	1	...	1	...	..	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	..		...	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	
Narsinghpur ...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Chhindwara ...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	..	
Nimar ...	2	8	5	...	...	15	...	4	5	3	3	...	...	15	...	...	8	..	8	...	..	3	5	..	
Raipur ...	3	1	8	...	...	12	...	3	...	4	1	...	..	8	4	3	8	1	12	..	.	6	2	4	
Sambalpur ...	1	..	7	...	...	8	..	1	2	...	4	...	...	7	1	..	2	...	2	...	..	...	1	1	
Bilaspur ...	...	1	...	...	..	1	...	..	..	1	...	...	...	1	..	1	1	..	2	..	...	..	...	2	
Total ... 1889 ..	24	49	39	...	..	112	...	33	7	16	2	..	...	76	36	6	29	1	36	...	...	19	8	9	
Total ... 1888 ..	64	112	44	...	1	221	1	110	16	32	36	...	...	195	25	14	55	5	73	...	..	35	31	7	

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PART II — Showing the number of estates in the hands of receivers and the progress made in winding up.

Districts	Number of insolvents' estates in the hands of receivers				Amount of creditors' claims dealt with during the year					Amount of insolvents' assets realized and outstanding				Remarks
	Pending at the close of the previous year	Placed in charge of a receiver during the year	Number of estates in regard to which proceedings were finally closed during the year	Pending at the close of the year	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the previous year	Admitted	Disallowed.	Satisfied	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the year	Amount of realized assets in the hands of receivers at the close of the previous year.	Gross amount realized during the year	Total amount of disbursements	Amount remaining in the hand of receivers at the close of the year	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Nagpur	2	..	..	2	1,14,193	.	.	733	1,13,460	586	770	813	543	
Chanda	..		...	..		.	...		.	...		.	...	
Bhandara	.		..	...	..	..	...		..		..	...	..	
Wardha	..		.		.		...		.	...	...	...		
Balaghat	..					.	..			.	.	..	...	
Jubbulpore	3	...	1	2	12,918		..	67	12,575	16	66	67	15	
Saugor	..		...		.	.	...	.		.	..	..		
Damoh	...		.	.			...		..	.	.	...	.	
Seoni	..			...	...	.	..	..	.		..	.	.	
Mandla	...		..	.		...		..	..	.	...			
Hoshangabad	.		...	..	...	...			...	...	.	...	...	
Betul	...		..			.	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	
Narsinghpur	..			...	...	...	..	...	..	215	...	...	215	
Chhindwara	.		..	..	..		...			.	.			
Nimar	5	5	6	4	2,367	25,459	...	2,770	25,056	3	180	16	167	
Raipur	..	..	...	.			...	...	.	...		..	..	
Sambalpur	1	1	2	..	906	157	...	1,063		...	9	9	.	
Bilaspur	1	..		1	18,894	498	...	2,797	16,595	1,061	10,959	10,407	1,614	
Total .. 1889	12	6	9	9	1,49,278	26,114	..	7,430	1,67,686	1,881	11,984	11,312	2,554	
Total .. 1888	18	15	21	11	1,68,295	5,822	1,425	11,333	1,49,594	2,902	13,911	14,932	1,881	